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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 515,  
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Date February 10, 1936.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
<u>FBI</u> <u>#887,465</u>	CASSIUS M McDONALD with aliases: CASSIUS MICHAEL McDONALD CASH McDONALD O. M. McDONALD E. G. McDONALD O'BRIEN	Charge, conspiracy to transport kidnaped persons in interstate commerce. Disposition, 2/1/36, 15 years U. S. Peniten- tiary, Leavenworth, Kans.

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gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were  
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as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge.

(Official Title)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date February 1, 1936.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investiga-  
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
FBI	WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases:	Charge: Conspiracy to
#17920	P. O'DONNELL, PHOENIX DONALD,	transport kidnaped per-
	R. A. NELSON, T. J. NELSON,	sons in interstate
	P. J. NELSON, BILL SCOTT,	commerce.
	J. A. ORHOOD, CHARLES W. LUCAS,	Disposition: 1/24/36
	CHARLES E. BOLLING, BILL WEAVER,	life imprisonment.
	FELIX DONALD, P. O. DONALD,	
	PHOENIX O'DONALD, W. G. WEAVER,	
	P. O. SCOTT, BILL THORNTON,	
	WILLIAM THORNTON, BUCK WEAVER,	
	CLAIRE LUCAS, FELIX DONALD,	
	W. C. WEAVER, CLAIR LUCAS,	
	"HEAVY", W. A. WEAVER,	
	"LAPLAND WILLIE", W. LUCAS,	
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Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,

Special Agent in Charge.  
(Official Title)

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago, Illinois

February 5th, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that there be forwarded to this office an additional crystal microphone, together with an appropriate amount of shielded wire, for use on the detective dictagraph which was recently furnished to this office.

This additional microphone is needed in connection with the use of this set on a plant in the Brakid case and it would be appreciated if this request is given the earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 5, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

On January 30, 1936 contact was had with [REDACTED] he being the person who has previously furnished us with confidential information [REDACTED]

As arranged at that time, he planned to make an effort to obtain [REDACTED] in a friendly manner, any information she might have as to the location of these subjects. In order to have him make every possible effort to get the desired information from her, it was indicated [REDACTED]

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, he advised that he had been unable to obtain any definite information from her; that she would not indicate that she knew where these subjects were located, neither would she say that she did not know where they were. Subsequently, on this latter date, interview was had with this woman, Lillian "Lou" Poole.

It might be indicated that her maiden name was Lillian Harger; that she was married to a person by the name of Poole, from whom she was later divorced. [REDACTED]

She has a daughter about nine years old, who is the illegitimate child of a person by the name of Dale. This child was born during the time Lou was married to William Poole.

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After considerable persuasion, Lou indicated that she had worked for Edith Barry as a prostitute from December 25, 1933 to April 9, 1935, at her place of business, 524 Southard Street, Toledo, Ohio. At such latter date she went to Detroit, Michigan, because at that time she knew conclusively the identities of Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis, who had been harbored at the house of Edith Barry.

During the summer of 1934 Karpis, whom she identified from his picture, together with two other individuals whom she could not identify although the general descriptions as given by her answered those of Charles J. Fitzgerald and William J. Harrison, came to Edith Barry's place to avail themselves of the prostitutes located there. Lou advised very definitely that Edith Barry would not have allowed these individuals to come into her place unless they were definitely identified and vouched for by some other individual. Apparently, Edith readily accepted these individuals at her place of business.

According to Lou, Karpis remained at the house and the other two individuals "bought" herself and another prostitute by the name of Kay for the afternoon. She, Kay, and these two men then proceeded to the Little Casino Club, operated by Ted and Bert Angus, to spend the afternoon in drinking. At the time these persons entered Edith Barry's house she was in her room upstairs, it being the usual practice for Edith to ring a bell for the girls as needed. For this reason she does not know what conversation took place at the time of their entrance, however, all three were drunk.

Several months later, three or four men of this same "crowd" came again to visit the place. Among them was Karpis. These individuals availed themselves of the services of the prostitutes there and then left. The next time she saw any of them was some time in March, 1935, when they apparently had returned to the house and were located in the front room upstairs on the left hand side as you enter, Edith's bedroom being on the right hand side front, as you enter. At this time the person whom she identified as Karpis and his friend, to whom she referred as "Buff" (an alias of Harry Campbell) were occupying this room, which is the spare room in the house. She did not know when they arrived, but stated that they remained ten days this time and availed themselves of the services of herself and another prostitute known as "Peaches". Her relations were only with the person to whom she referred as "Buff". She was unable to identify the picture of Harry Campbell, although her description otherwise would indicate that he was the person who accompanied Karpis at that time.

During the ten days these two individuals were at the house they remained in their room at all times. She first believed them to be gamblers who were hiding out temporarily. The girls did not make a habit of going into their room except when they were called in for service and the other business at the house was carried on more or less in a normal manner, as it was possible to close the door and nobody would know of the fact that they were in the house. She never saw any guns of any kind while these two individuals were at the house, and only knew of their departure by reason of the fact that the room was later empty.

Within a period of three weeks after their departure she noticed a detective magazine in the house in which appeared the pictures of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case and she, becoming frightened, decided to leave and go to Detroit, Michigan, which she did. This was some time about April 10, 1935. At this time "Peaches" also left as she, too, had become aware of the fact that these persons were Karpis and Campbell, although Lou does not recall discussing with "Peaches" or Edith Barry either the pictures in the magazine or the possible identities of the persons who had been there. During the time these individuals were at the house she was not allowed to leave the place to go home, although previously she had worked only from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. each night.

Lou advised that she applied for a divorce from her husband, which was granted on July 19, 1935 at Toledo, Ohio, and when she returned to Toledo she became again an inmate of the house of Edith Barry, starting on July 20, 1935 and continuing until some time around December 2, 1935. At this time she again left for Detroit, subsequently returning to Toledo, where she re-married her former husband, with whom she is now living.

About the middle of August, 1935, Karpis alone appeared again at the house of Edith Barry and occupied the same room for about two or three days. Lou had no idea as to how he came to the place or how he left, she having seen him while he was occupying the room and knew of his departure when the room was again available.

Lou was asked as to any scars that she noticed, particularly on the face of Alvin Karpis, and she advised that the only thing she could recall in the way of a scar was an indentation in his chin, which looked as if it had been pushed in.



About this time she became ill and about one week prior to Labor Day she and Edith Barry went to Cedar Point, Ohio, where they remained for three or four days. They stayed at the Breakers at Cedar Point, where she registered as Louise King and Edith Barry registered under her married name (Edith Barry being an alias), having been married to a soldier who was killed in France and whose name Lou could not recall. They occupied one room at the Breakers and Lou could not recall any incident where she and Edith had pictures taken with the upper body nude, [REDACTED] However, they did have pictures taken in sun suits in front of the hotel while they were at Cedar Point.

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With reference to [REDACTED] whose name she did not know and to whom she referred as [REDACTED] Lou advised that it had been her understanding that he was to come to Toledo at the request of Edith Barry [REDACTED]

Lou advised that the impression was created that she would have to go to Chicago, Illinois [REDACTED] and this accounted for the fact that she had advised various persons that she would be out of town for several days at the time of this occurrence, Edith having explained to her that it would be well not to let anyone know [REDACTED]

The person to whom Lou referred as [REDACTED] came to the house in an automobile and she (Lou) parked his car in the garage around the corner for him. Later she, Edith, and [REDACTED] went to dinner at Schmidutz Restaurant, then proceeded to a drug store, where they purchased some candy [REDACTED]

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left at noon of the day following [REDACTED] At this time he, himself, went to the Ace Garage, where his car was parked, to get the same.

Lou advised that she is unable to explain why Edith went to Chicago to see [REDACTED] as she did, prior to [REDACTED] She also informed that the maid, Margaret, lives at 431 Pinewood, and Lou could not recall going to her house, as claimed by [REDACTED]

After refreshing her memory by inquiring as to whether she knew of such a place as LaTabernilla, Lou advised that she had completely forgotten that incident but that, in fact, on the night in question when they went out to dinner they had driven to the LaTabernilla Inn and found it closed. At this time she (Lou) was driving [REDACTED] was seated in the middle, and Edith Barry was on the outside. She could not recall any discussion among them as to the possibility of anyone following them. Upon arriving at the LaTabernilla Inn they drove into the place in front of the garages and got out of the car only so that [REDACTED] might move into the driver's seat to drive back to town. They then proceeded to Schmidutz Restaurant, as above related.

Lou recalled that on the night [REDACTED] arrived she had called Gus Jacobs and advised him that the thing she had talked to him about was to occur that night. He knew this was [REDACTED] as she had told him about this, against the advice of Edith Barry, who had asked her to say nothing to anyone [REDACTED]

Lou insisted [REDACTED]

Lou indicated that she knows Bert and Ted Angus, but has never seen them at Edith Barry's place; nor has she seen Captain Timoney there. She stated, however, that it is possible

that they may have been there without her knowing it, for when Edith entertains in the dining or living rooms the girls are in their rooms and do not associate with other people unless called down for the usual services. She first knew Bert and Ted Angus at the time she was engaged in bootlegging and they were running the Little Casino Club. She also advised that Joe Thompson, Edith's boy friend, comes to the house to play cards. It is her understanding that Edith Barry does not have any relations with any of the men who visit the place.

Lou mentioned that she did not discuss with "Peaches" the identity of the individuals who were there in March; neither did she discuss this with Edith Barry, but she is satisfied that "Peaches" left because she learned who these persons were. Lou believes that Edith undoubtedly is paying off to some one in the city of Toledo, as the police never interfere with the operation of her house in any way, and even the officer on that particular beat never calls at the place. Lou did not know the whereabouts of "Peaches", but believes she proceeded to some place in Wisconsin and possibly later communicated with Edith.

In explanation of her actions in leaving Edith Barry's place on several occasions to go away and get drunk, Lou stated that she did this because of the fact that she was worried as to what would happen to her when it was learned that Karpis and Campbell had been at Edith's house. She indicated that she was not aware of any large package coming to the place.

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Lou has agreed to give very careful consideration to any and all facts which may occur to her, and she will be interviewed at a later date. She has promised to discuss this with no one other than her husband. She has also agreed to furnish any information which she believes will help in the location of Karpis and Campbell.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Cincinnati  
Chicago

Oklahoma City  
St. Paul

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 5, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In displaying the fingerprint card of John Henry Foster, under the name of Charles E. Carter, to the Philadelphia Police Department, Mr. Harry Bodkin, of the Identification Unit, desired that three photostat copies of these mutilated prints be sent to him so that he might file them under various classifications in the event William S. Meade puts in his appearance at Philadelphia, so that he will be readily identified through his fingerprints.

It is also requested that several photographs of Meade be furnished the Philadelphia Office so that they might be circulated, as stated in the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, at Chicago, Illinois, dated January 27, 1936, to various police departments in the cities in this district of 50,000 and more population.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order  
#1218, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of  
February 5, 1936, regarding JOHN HENRY POSTER,  
alias Charles E. Carter, alias William S. Meade,  
I am transmitting herewith three photostatic  
copies of the mutilated fingerprints and ten  
photographs, as reflected by the fingerprint  
files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
of one Charles E. Carter, our file #FBI-271926,  
who is probably identical with the person  
concerning whom you inquire.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

Enclosure #832293.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
cc-Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Bureau Office,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
FEB 16 1936
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 5, 1936

F. G. Zerbst, Warden  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Attn: E. H. Eckholdt

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the following  
letters you have forwarded this office concerning the mail of  
Elmer Farmer, Number 47103:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated January 16, 1936.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked January 23, 1936.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Charles H. Cook, dated January 24, 1936.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant dated January 26, 1936.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer dated January 27, 1936.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated January 20, 1936.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated January 22, 1936.

Information is being obtained at present relative to  
your continuing to send copies of Farmer's correspondence and upon  
receipt of same you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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RE: BREKID

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-31-36 2-1-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. R. GERE</b> <span style="float: right;">NK</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT;</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">R. C. Rayburn, Colorado Springs, Colo., is a reputable citizen and has no knowledge of or connection with Charles J. Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif. Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, Colo. State Prison, Canon City, Colo., unable to identify photographs of Elmer G. Stone and Bert Fred Pendleton, alias Elmer Stone, alias Bert F. Knudston.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Omaha Office, dated December 27, 1935, and letter from Chicago Office, dated December 27, 1935. Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, dated January 14, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>At Colorado Springs, Colorado</u></p> <p>The City and Telephone Directories listed R. C. Rayburn as residing at 1216 West Pikes Peak Avenue, and from the records of the Police Department it was ascertained that there was no record of his having ever been arrested and he was unknown to members of the Police Department.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">[REDACTED] it was ascertained that R. C. Rayburn has been employed at the general offices of the Continental Oil Company as bookkeeper for the past twenty years; [REDACTED]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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[REDACTED] and that he bears a good reputation. b7c b7d

Ralph C. Rayburn was contacted at the offices of the Continental Oil Company, 212 South 21st Street, and he stated that he had not received a letter from anyone at Los Angeles, California, on or about December 28th, 1935, but that his wife, Mrs. Susan Muhrer Rayburn, has a sister, Miss Helen Muhrer, residing at Los Angeles, California, who corresponds with his wife frequently, but that she does not address her letters to him but either to Mrs. R. C. Rayburn or to Mrs. Susan Rayburn.

Mr. Rayburn later consulted his wife and advised Agent that his wife received letters from her sister, Miss Helen Muhrer, Los Angeles, California, both before and after Christmas, 1935, but that she has not retained any of the envelopes in which the letters were received to ascertain if one was postmarked at Los Angeles on December 26, 1935. Mr. Rayburn advised that Miss Helen Muhrer operates or is employed in a millinery store at 3870 West 6th Street, and resides at 526 South Oxford Street, Apartment No. 206, Los Angeles, California.

At Canon City, Colorado

The photographs of Elmer G. Stone, No. 5254, Sheriff's Office, Des Moines, Iowa, and Bert Fred Pendleton, aliases: Bert F. Knudson, B. F. Knudson, Ben Fred Knudson, Fred Fisher, Bert Fisher, Fred Pendleton, Ben Hamilton, Fred Knudson, Ben Kingston, John Hild, O. N. Smith, Bert Winkie, Ben Winkie, Joe Pearson, Ben Winkle, Alfred Wellington, ELMER STONE, Fred Pennington, Alfred F. Fisher, No. 66 Sheriff's Office, Clarinda, Iowa, No. 7447, Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, were shown to Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, at the Colorado State Penitentiary, and he said that the same are not a likeness of anyone known to him, and are not photographs of Gus Stone, alias Gus Stevens.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE: at Los Angeles, California, will ascertain from Miss Helen Muhrer, 3870 West 6th Street, or Apartment No. 206, 526 South Oxford Street, if she deposited a letter in the mailbox in question at Los Angeles, California, on December 26, 1935, addressed to R. C. Rayburn, 1216 West Pike's Peak Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

THE DENVER OFFICE: at Liberty, Colorado, will interview George McKinley, as requested in letter from the Chicago Office, dated January 22, 1936.

PENDING



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 5, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: B R E K I D

With further reference to Bureau letter dated September 8, 1935, relative to a cover being maintained on the mail of Elmer Farmer, register number 47103, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, there are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and to each of the offices designated below copies of the following correspondence:

Letter from Elmer Farmer to Blanche Brabant, dated January 16, 1936.  
Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked January 23, 1936.  
Letter from Elmer Farmer to Charles E. Cook, dated January 24, 1936.  
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Letter from Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff dated January 20, 1936.  
Letter from Blanche Brabant to Elmer Farmer dated January 22, 1936.

In a letter addressed to the Kansas City Office dated January 28, 1936, Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, Secretary to the Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, requested advice as to whether it is the desire of this office to continue forwarding copies of Farmer's correspondence in view of the fact that the trial at St. Paul has been concluded. The Bureau is requested to so advise the Kansas City Office.

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Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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E. W. G. Bremer  
mail cover

Leavenworth, Kansas, January 16, 1936

Dear Blanche:

Received your letter last night but did not have paper to answer then so will have this one mailed today so you will get it Monday. Gifford expect to get work soon now I hope he get some thing in his line of work that would be much better for him so you and Gifford are feeling well. I am also well and getting along fine, no work as yet, but its cold outside down here now so I dont mind it so much. I look to be transferred out of here any time now, as no one is ever keep in here like I am and then given work here, so I think I will be sent to Alcatraz in the next shipment. It would be better for me in a way as I would be given some kind of work in there and would get out in the fresh air each day, but thay do not give any paroles from Alcatraz so I would have to stay there until my full time was up and I wouldn't like that. so you havent seen Chub since Christmas he must be doing things up in grand shape, I dont see how he keeps going in Bensenville. he sure wont have the price of a license when thay come due withh is soon now. I dont suppose he has any boxes running in the county any more, but he should have a few in town there if he hasent sold them by now. so you play chickers in the eavening with Gifford. I play then most every day its about the onley game we have to play, so I am pretty good at it now. so you think you would like to build a place in Bensenville when I get out, I dont think the Hotel business is very good over there now and I dont think it ever will be, the rail road men are hard people to get money out of and very few of them ever pay what they owe so you would have to look for other business besides thers. Any way when you come to see me I can talk it over with you. I wish you were getting some thing out of the place now and would see that the taxes are paid, because I know Chub wont pay them and the place will be sold for taxes like it was befor and then it costs twice as much to buy them back. If the street is paved down there it would make some difference but the way it is now its not very good for new business. I think Elmhurst is the town and that would be the best place to start some kind of business. Best wishes to you and Gifford.

Elmer Farmer

COPY

January 22, 1936

Dear Elmer

Received your letter Monday but I have been sick and could not write, I'm better now and able to be up. It's very cold here, I don't think we have ever had such cold weather before.

I am very sorry to hear that you expect to be transferred to Alcatraz. McMeekin said in his letter that he did not think the government had any intention of sending you there. If there was anything we could do for you we would do it but I don't know what can be done.

Chub hasn't any boxes in the county or in town, Ted Weggeman has them all and I think Meinzor is in with him. Bozo has a hood in Bensenville in Fox's place, he been running about a month now. Bennett isn't looking for any votes now as his term soon expires.

Chub paid the taxes I know, and he'll continue to pay them, also his license, as that his livelihood and he would not want to lose that. I haven't seen him, but things are going along all right over there I'm sure.

Well Elmer I hope you can get some work and stay where you are. We are getting along alright. Gifford sends best regards.

Lovingly your sister  
Blanche Brabant  
275 Geneva Ave.  
Elmhurst, Ill.

C O P Y

Dearest Elmer:

Wednesday Eve.

I have been looking for a letter from you and so far have not heard from you, which naturally has me worried as to whether you are sick or what is wrong? Have you been sick or are you sick now? I hope they have not moved you. Please write to me as soon as you can. I suppose you received my letter from St.

Paul. Well, honey, they kept me up there for a week and then they released me and let me come home. However, with instructions that if they would need me and wired me I was to come up immediately.

I suppose you are following the trial closely, as you get the papers from up there, dont you? It was quite close up there and you know there were some Cubans up there from Cuba testifying for the Govt. and they nearly froze to death.

It is very cold here tonight, it is 20 below zero and that really is cold. I come back with a nice cold from St. Paul. I saw Ann while I was up there. She just pestered me to death which made me feel quite fed up with her. You know, honey, Martha's father died Sunday morning. You see he had been drinking a little and went out to the garage to take the car out but he must have started the motor and did not open the garage doors and so he was overcome with that carbon monoxide gas. I was out to Bensenville with Martha and Les Sunday night and again Monday night and the funeral was held today but it was too cold to go out for me so stayed home. About my job, they put me in general sales for two weeks that means I go to work just when I am called and so I have not had very many calls. None at all while I was away. I went down to see the supt but he is in New York for a few days so I will wait until Friday and go down again. I hope you are getting along nicely. I hope nothing is wrong with you and that you are working; if you are angry about me going to St Paul I could not help that, I was subpoenaed and had to go. So please write to me. My trip home was not very eventful only that I came back on the Burlington RR on the Zephyr and it broke down and we had to change trains, making us three hours late arriving in Chicago. While I was in St. Paul I saw that Bill and Ben from the Jail and they asked for you and said to say hello to you. I called Mr. McKeelin and talked to him. He is on a big case in Minneapolis, very busy. His picture was in yesterdays Trib.

I had quite a talk to Mr. Rensch up in StPaul and he asked all about you and so did DeCourcy. Well, ol dear, everyone I saw asked for you. I am glad I am now there now. I see in the paper it is 33 below zero. I'd freeze. You know when I was in Bensenville, Mr. Jacobson was telling me Vails Black Cab had been around them all afternoon drunk and fighting with everyone so he put him out. Then Vails broke a big window so he put him in jail after Kolze arrested him he broke the window, then Kolze put cardboard in the window, which he promptly pushed out and then he set the jail on fire so I do not know just what they did do with him. Jim is getting along O.K. I guess. Well, honey, I hope this finds you well and working and please try to write to me very soon and let me know how you are getting along. Everyone is fine and they all say hello so until I hear from you will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave.  
Chicago

Excuse scribbling - Goodnight

C O P Y

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103 to  
Mr. Chas. H. Cook, 310 Bowen Street, Savanna, Illinois.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Jan. 24, 1936

Dear Friend Chas

Received your letter in December of last year and was sure glad to hear from you. this is the first time I had a chance to answer your letter. I am glad you are getting along good and in good health. I suppose most of the boys are working steady now as I see in the papers that think have picked up on the railroads lately. I dont think there is anything you could do to help me, but it was nice of you to want to do something for me. I will try and have my case up some time later and see if I can get my time cut. I played the good fellow once to often, so now I am here, I have no one to blame by my self. I look for some thing to be done in my case befor long. I suppose you see Dunk Mike and Jude also many others that know me give them my regards. You know Harry Peters that works in the Round House at Densenville. Kansas is his home state when you see him tell him I dont think much of it. Well Chas this is about all for now.

Your friend

Elmer Farmer

C O P Y

Letter written by Elmer Farmer, #47103 to Blanche Brabant

Leavenworth, Kansas, January 26, 1936

Dear Blanche:-

Received your letter last night and was sorry to hear you have been sick. I know you are having real cold weather up there now. I dont remember it ever having been so cold in Chicago as it is up there now. I get the Chicago American every day and read about how cold it is in and around Chicago. You have plenty of snow also along with the cold weather, so I think the best thing to do is to stay in side until it warms up agin. We are having cold weather down here now but nothing like it is up there and not so much snow. I am still not working so dont get out in the cold. thing are about the same for me in here I am getting along alright and feeling fine. I hope McMeeken is right about not transferring me I would much rather stay here its not so far from Chicago and a much better place than Alcatraz. that other trial is over in St. Paul now so I may be placed to work here soon now anyway I hope so. at first the government thought I knew those people up there but found out later on I didnt so that should help me some. I was just over and had dinner roast pork, dressing, rashed potatoes and gravy. so you havent seen Chub for some time now. he must be snowed in over there. I thought Ted Weggeman and Meinzor would take everything over in the county as soon as they could and thay put Bozo in Foxes place with a book. I dont see why thay didnt give it to Gifford as he is the one that should have it. thay know Chub could not run it and keep thing straight, but Gifford could. I told you about Chas Cook writing to me from Savanna Ill. I answered his letter this week also. I dont suppose Gifford takes the car out this kind of weather but it will soon be warn agin winter will be over in gnother month. I hope Gifford get some kind of work soon its to bad things turned out the way thay did for me but if I can get my time out so I can get out on parole I could get thing running alright agin and things would be different. I will mail this letter on my way to supper so you should get it the middle of the week. I will listen to the radio the rest of the after noon. hope you are feeling better now. best regards to you and Gifford

Elmer Farmer

Letter from Helen Conliff to Elmer Farmer, postmarked  
Chicago, Ill. January 27, 1936.

Sunday afternoon

Dearest Elmer:

I am still looking for a letter from you and of course wondering why I have not heard from you. I really am worried, so do write and let me know if you are well or not or if you have been moved or not. It has been terribly cold here. 20 below zero. I guess I told you I had been put into General Sales before I left for StPaul. Well I have not been taken out of it as yet, which worries me a lot as I do not get any time in at all and tho' I went downtown to see the supt he is out of town so will just have to wait until he returns. Meanwhile a friend of my uncle's was helping me but he had to go to Washington on business so all in all I really am in a "spot", however both of these will return to Chicago this week. How are you getting along? Has anyone been writing to you? I mean outside of Blanche and I? Is Gifford working? When Matha's father was buried it was terribly cold I guess I told you all about that in my last letter. I received a letter from Ann yesterday and she enclosed a picture of Mr. McMeekin in Court on that big case he is on up in Minneapolis. I would sent it to you if I was sure you would receive it, let me know when you write. Well Elmer, I really do not know just what to write about to you. I do not know whether you receive my letters or not and it really is not like you not to write to me. After all you have been very prompt about writing to me for over a year and so of course stopping so abruptly really has me wondering just why. I was going out to Bensenville today with Sue and her little girl but it is so cold we changed our minds and her and I are going to the show tonight instead. I guess I will go out to Bensenville a day this week though and the next time I write I will give you all the news from out there. The last time I was there I did hear that the people Jim had rented the "Green house" to were not doing so very well but maybe thats just talk. I guess this is all for this time and I do hope you write to me soon, so hoping you are well and getting along nicely will close with lots of love.

Helen Conliff  
4143 West End Ave. - Chicago, Illinois.

Letter written by Elmer Farmer to Helen Conliff.

Leavenworth, Kansas, Jan. 20, 1936

Dear Helen:

Received your letter tonight also one from St. Paul and answered it but it was returned from StPaul so I could not write agin until this week. So Martha's father is dead now she may go back home to live with her mother, is Carl living home now? I dont see why thay had you in St Paul as I read everthing that went on in the case and my place was onley mentioned once by Monte and that was that he had one of those fellows with him there and I am sure if he did I never seen him. I had all the papers from there also seen McMeelins picture in one of them. any way the trial is all over now I think that will be the last one as I dont think thay will try the other two up there if thay do catch them as thay are wanted in other states. you are having real cold weather in Chicago now and plenty of snow. Its been dold down here and some snow but not like you are having up there. I am not working yet so do not get out in the cold its nice and warm where I am at. I hope thay do something with me before long now as I have been locked up over one year now. I would just as soon be transferred to some place that I could be out in the fresh air once in a while anyway I didnt think anyone could stay in side so long but now I find out it can be done. so the black cat is running wild out there he must be working agin to have money or picking the horses like he did befor. do you ever see or here about J P Lynch out there. how is bozo doing with the book out there. so Chubis alright agin has he any boxes going in the town now or any place out there. the time sure goes fast in this place it seems no time until Sunday is here agin if I didnt have such a long sentence in a few years I would be back again but the way it stands it will take some time for me to get back. I seen Harold the other day in the dinning room and did he look funny all his teeth are out and he was trying to talk but I dont know what it was he was saying. do you ever here how Mike and the boys are getting along. thats to bat about your job and I hope thay put you back to work agin soon. I wrote to Chas Cook in Savanna this week he is conductor out there and stayed in the hotel with me he runs in to Bensenville now.

Elmer Farmer.



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February 18, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

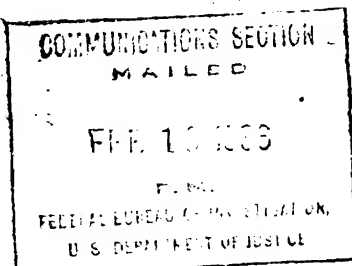
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 5,  
1936 pertaining to the mail cover being maintained on  
the mail of Elmer Farmer, register #47103, United States  
Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, it is desired that  
your office continue forwarding copies of Farmer's cor-  
respondence to the Bureau and to the offices designated  
in Bureau letter dated September 8, 1935.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI**

FILE NO. **7-30**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/5/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/1, 2/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. A. LOUGHRAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, IO 1818, FUGITIVE, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>E. G. FORBES and CARL HOLDEN, Marshall and Garvin, Minnesota, respectively, advised that suspicious character they saw about 1/8/36 near cottage of John Haensel, Lake Shetek, Murray County, Minnesota, in no way resembles any Subject in this case.</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p> <p>On January 12, 1936, the following letter was received by M. C. Passolt, Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, St. Paul, Minnesota, from George A. Hankin, Sheriff of Lyon County, Marshall, Minnesota, which was subsequently forwarded to the St. Paul Office:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"I have some information which was given to me today which might be of interest to you so will give it to you as it was given to me.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"After reading the item in the Minneapolis Journal yesterday "Hunt Karpis near Cities", this party called me and said that last Thursday, January 9th, he was in Murray County, came upon a man stuck in a snow drift and offered him help but he did not want help and did not seem very friendly. The man that was stuck in the snow was going down across a field where there was no road and was heading for a shack on the north side of the inlet to Lake Shetek, he had went to a farm nearby and got a shovel and stated that two other men had gone down to the shack on foot.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"A man by the name of John Haensel lives in this shack. Haensel has served time in the State Prison and is a bootlegger and a bad character in general according to the information given to me.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. W. Stern</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-576-9383</b> <b>FEB 7 1936</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>FEB 11 1936</b> JACKETED:	
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Haensel owns about 20 acres of land on the north side of the inlet to Lake Shetek in Murray County and this shack is located on this land near the inlet. Some people by the name of Haney live on a farm about a mile north of this shack and this man Haensel hangs out there some of the time.

"George Nelson, Sheriff of Murray County, undoubtedly knows this man Haensel and knows where he lives.

"Haensel's land joins the farm of Walter Sweetman on the west. The party that gave me the information says that there is no road to this shack but that they drive over the farm that Haney lives on to get to this shack and it seemed queer that this man would be out there shoveling his way across this field trying to get to this shack. He was driving a new dark colored car and was well dressed and stated that two of his companions had walked down to the shack.

"If you think this matter is worth investigating, I would advise that you do not go to the Haney farm as they are good friends of this man Haensel. You might be able to get some information from the farmer who lives the first place west of the Haney farm.

"You can use your own judgment in this matter and do whatever you see fit but thought you might have some information as to who these parties might be."

At Marshall, Minn.

Sheriff George A Rankin, Lyon County, was interviewed and advised that he had no additional information than that already submitted in his letter above, except that the name of the man reporting the incident to him was E. G. Forbes, 406 - 5th St. North, Marshall, Minnesota, an insurance man.

E. G. Forbes, 406 - 5th St. N., Marshall, Minnesota, was interviewed, and stated that the man referred to in his report to Sheriff Rankin, was seen about January 8 or 9, near the farm of a man named Haney; that he would describe this party as being about 30 years old, 5 ft. 10 in. or less in height, 150 - 155 lbs.,

medium fair complexion, brown hair, dressed in brown suede jacket, a brown hat, and dark trousers. His face was quite rounded in shape. He thought that the party was either a bootlegger or somebody that was wanted for some crime, considering the way he acted, and that when a bank at Sioux Falls was held up some time ago, the robbers of that bank replenished their cars with gasoline in the neighborhood of Lake Shetek.

The shack of John Haensel is located between the Haney farm and Lake Shetek, being right at the edge of the lake. It is located about seven miles south of Garvin, Minn. At the time Mr. Forbes saw this party, he advised he was with Carl Holden of Garvin, Minnesota.

He was presented with Agent's pocket identification booklet and asked if any of the persons in the booklet resembled the man he had seen. After studying each face carefully he stated that he saw no resemblance to any of the photographs. He was then presented with the Identification Orders on ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, WILLIAM DAINARD, and THOMAS H. ROBINSON, Jr. Studying all of these photographs very carefully he stated there was no similarity between any of them and the party he had seen.

Regarding the automobile this man had, he was only able to advise that it was a large dark colored Sedan of recent model, license plates not noted.

At Garvin, Minn.

Carl Holden, age about 60, was interviewed at his residence at Garvin, Minnesota, and furnished information similar to that furnished by Mr. Forbes, except that he described the man seen by him about 1:30 P.M. January 8th, as about 30 years old, 5 ft. 9 in. in height, 180 - 185 lbs., heavy build, smooth, round, and full face, tan suede jacket, and dark trousers. He was unable to furnish any additional description.

He was also shown the pocket identification booklet and later the photographs of Subjects referred to above, and stated positively that none of these men in any way fit the description of the person seen by him.

Regarding the automobile, he stated that the car was a 1935 model, but that he did not know the make nor the license number thereon, though it looked to be as large a car as the Hudson which Agent parked in front of his house.

The roads being impassable between Garvin and the farms adjacent to Haensel's shack, it was not deemed advisable to make further investigation, considering that there was no identification.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-4-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-28-35; 1-1,2,7,9,10, 15,20,21,22, 24,27,30-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. HOPTON</b> OS
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236, ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subjects in this case unknown to individuals listed in anonymous communication addressed to the Bureau on 12-9-35. Investigation to locate William Elmer Lead in the Rosedale section of Kansas City, Kansas, and of the activities of Robert McBride and Ethel Miller, Kansas City, Missouri, unproductive of results. Investigation at Nevada, Missouri, failed to locate Milton Lett. Ted Thornton, Nevada, Missouri, advised that Milton Lett contacts him frequently. Arrangements made to notify Kansas City Office if and when he next appears in that vicinity. Various rumors that Karpis reported in Kansas City and vicinity being investigated. To date same has produced only negative results. Subjects are unknown to Anna May Valdes and Dr. Nicholas Jaime, Kansas City, Missouri.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated 12-14-35; Letter from Birmingham Office dated 1-18-36; Letter from S.A.C. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1-28-36; Report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-9-35.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1935, wherein it is noted that the Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication enclosing a photograph of Lawrence DeVol and Alvin Karpis, which the writer advised was found in the "rear of 1404 Grand Hoover Vacuum Co."

On December 28, 1935, Special Agent A. J. Norstrom interviewed M. S. Eichenberg and Louis Eichenberg, who operate the General Rebuilt Vacuum Cleaner Company, 1404 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. They were shown the photograph of Alvin Karpis and Lawrence DeVol, which was allegedly found in the rear of their premises. They were at first at a loss to explain the presence of the photograph, but after some reflection stated that the only plausible explanation they could offer was that a woman, whose name they could not recall, formerly operated the New Deal Transfer Company with offices off an alley adjoining their establishment. The street address of the New Deal Transfer Company at that time was 1405 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri. However, they advised that about three months ago the New Deal Transfer Company moved to 903 East 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone - Harrison 0957. According to Messrs. Eichenberg this woman entertained uniformed police officers at her shop and there were a number of police squad cars parked in the alley on numerous occasions, and in that police officers were about the place a good deal a photograph could have been left in the shop or could have been dropped from a police squad car in the alley.

On January 7, 1936, Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and W. E. Hopton located and interviewed Mrs. Lucy Cartright, proprietor of the New Deal Delivery Service, 903 East 13th Street, formerly at 1405 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Cartright was shown the photographs in question but she was unable to identify same as a photograph that had ever been in her possession. She advised that she knew neither Karpis nor Campbell and could not explain how the photograph could have been found in the vicinity of her establishment. She advised, however, that she rented the premises from J. E. Latimer and Joe Biggerstaff, proprietor of the Diamond Garage, 1405 Walnut Street, and that inquiry of them might throw some light on the matter.

Agents Norstrom and Hopton also interviewed Herbert Van, proprietor of Van's Magic Key and Radio Shop, 1108 East 18th Street, which address appears on the anonymous communication. Mr. Van was shown the photograph of Karpis and DeVol which was received with the anonymous communication, but he could not explain why the name of his establishment should be contained in such a communication. He advised that he knows neither Campbell nor Karpis and was unacquainted with any of their activities. He advised, however, that a negro named McFlure, first name unknown, is employed by him and is presently attending school at the Baptist College at 22nd and Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, and that McFlure also worked for the Harrington Key Shop, 18th and Highland, Kansas City, Missouri, which name also appeared in the anonymous communication. He further advised that McFlure worked



for the Jenkins Music Store, 13th and Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, on occasions and he possibly might know something about the communication. However, he advanced the idea as theory only.

It will be noted that Van's establishment is located in the heart of the negro district in Kansas City, and he caters almost exclusively to negroes.

Agents Hopton and Norstrom also made inquiry at the Harrington Key Shop, which is also located in the heart of the negro district of Kansas City, and is located about one block from the Van's Magic Key and Radio Shop. Mr. Hugh Harrington, 1638 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, proprietor was not available for interview at that time, he having been called out of his shop on business. It is noted Harrington is colored.

Inquiry was also made in the vicinity of 1907 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, of Mr. Daniel Bortnick, who operates a blacksmith shop adjoining the Busy Bee Rummage Shop. Mr. Bortnick advised that the Busy Bee Rummage Shop is operated by a Mrs. Hoffman, whose husband operates the Hoffman Tailoring Company at 11th and Central Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Bortnick was shown photographs of Karpis and DeVol but advised he knew nothing of either of these individuals and had never seen the photograph before. He advised that Mrs. Hoffman was very seldom at her shop and she caters almost exclusively to the negro trade in second hand clothing, etcetera. Mr. Bortnick also stated that he had never seen anyone in the shop but Mrs. Hoffman, outside of negro customers.

It will be noted that this rummage shop is located approximately one block from the Harrington Key Shop, and is also in the heart of the negro district of Kansas City.

Several efforts were made to contact Mrs. Hoffman without success on the date of the interview with Mr. Bortnick.

It might be noted here that the photograph enclosed in the anonymous communication was one which had been taken by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department at the time of the arrest of Alvin Karpis and Lawrence DeVol on March 23, 1930.

Berl Spears, Attendant in Charge of the Diamond Garage, 1405 Walnut Street, advised that Mr. J. E. Latimer is the proprietor, although he is not at the garage very often. Mr. Spears stated that no one to his knowledge resembling DeVol or Karpis have been in the Diamond Garage. He felt that the photograph of DeVol and Karpis may possibly have been dropped by the police in the rear of 1404 Grand Avenue, which is across the alley from 1405 Walnut Street inasmuch

as officers are known to drive through the alley every night and are known to have formerly loitered at the New Deal Delivery Service which occupied space in the rear of their building.

After several unsuccessful attempts to interview Mr. Harrington at the Harrington Key Shop, 1638 East 18th Street, Agent interviewed Mrs. M. W. Wilcox, who is in charge of the establishment during his absence. It may be stated that Mrs. Wilcox and Harrington are negroes. After examining the photograph of Alvin Karpis and Lawrence DeVol she stated she has never seen these persons come into the shop and was at a loss to explain how the name "Harrington Key Shop" was included in the anonymous letter except to mention that it looked like the work of some one who was either trying to embarrass them or perhaps indulge in a little joking. She stated she knew of no one by the name of McFlure, but that a young negro named McFarland formerly worked in the neighborhood and at one time attended the Baptist College, which institution is no longer in existence.

With reference to the letter from the Birmingham Office dated January 18, 1936, advising that information had been received through a confidential source to the effect that William Elmer Mead and his wife are supposed to be living in an apartment house in the Rosedale section of Kansas City, Missouri, the writer on January 21, 1936, ascertained from Mr. A. Crane, Clerk in the Rosedale Station, United States Post Office, that the Rosedale section is a part of Kansas City, Kansas, and that there are very few apartments in that section. After conducting a brief check Mr. Crane advised that the Beverly Apartments, located at 2030 West 39th Street, was the only apartment house in that section.

Mrs. J. D. Paget, manager of the Beverly Apartments, 2030 West 39th Street, telephone Valentine 8731, upon interview stated that she had no tenants under the name of William E. Mead or any of his aliases. The writer exhibited a photograph of Mead to Mrs. Paget, who, after examining same, stated it very closely resembled a man who she thought visited a woman by the name of Mrs. B. E. Eads; that Mrs. Eads occupies Apartment 206 and has resided there since September 1, 1935. Mrs. Paget stated she has been rather skeptical of Mrs. Eads inasmuch as she would not give any references or prior residences when she registered for the apartment; that shortly after she moved into the apartment they noticed her name plate would disappear from the index in the vestibule of the building; that her suspicions were also aroused by the fact she never allowed the maid admittance to her apartment in order to clean it. Mrs. Paget described Mrs. Eads as being about 40 years of age; 5' 3" in height and weighing about 135 pounds; blue eyes and hair dyed black.

On the following day the writer again called at the Beverly Apartments and met Mr. and Mrs. Paget. Mr. Paget was unable to identify the photograph of Mead as being any person he has ever seen in the

apartment. He and his wife stated that the photograph of Mrs. Mead does not resemble the Mrs. Eads who resides there. While the conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Paget was taking place Mrs. Eads walked out of the front door of the building and was observed by the writer. She appeared to be about 38 years of age, weight about 130 to 135 pounds. Agent was unable to see a resemblance between Mrs. Eads and the photograph of Mrs. Mead.

Mr. Paget stated it would be a very good opportunity for him to see her apartment and suggested that Agent accompany him. Nothing was observed therein to indicate she was Mrs. Mead or an acquaintance of hers. Several names and addresses were taken from a reference book in her apartment, same being as follows:

Mrs. Gladys Stephen, 1945 Miami Way, Pacific Palisade, California.

Carl Stephen, 221 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Olive Woods, 1414 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Paget stated it was her intention to request Mrs. Eads to furnish references inasmuch as that is the rule of the apartment. Later the same day she called the writer and advised that Mrs. Eads had given the following references:

Mr. Arthur Schooley, President, Schooley Printing Company, 718 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. E. C. Williams, 639 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Eads advised Mrs. Paget that she formerly resided in Los Angeles, California.

The 1935 city directory reflected that Thomas L. Eads resides at 1414 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Apparently this individual is a relative of Mrs. Eads.

Detective Joe Schick, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, was interviewed by the writer relative to Mead without disclosing that he is wanted by the Bureau in connection with the Bremer case. Schick states he has an informant who is well acquainted with the major confidence men in the country and in all probability will be able to determine whether Mead is in the vicinity of Kansas City. He stated that he would contact him as soon as possible and inform the writer of the results. The following day, which was on January 26, 1936, Detective Schick advised that his informant, after conducting inquiries, advised him he was unable to obtain any information that Mead is in

the vicinity of Kansas City, that in the event he should secure any information concerning him he would notify Detective Schick.

Agent interviewed Mr. William Bertram at the Westport Station of the United States Post Office, 4000 Washington Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated he carries mail in the territory adjacent to Rosedale and in which there are a number of apartments, none of which are very elaborate. After examining a photograph of Mead and his wife, Kate, he stated he has not seen either of these persons on his route. He also examined the aliases of Mead and failed to recognize any of them as being individuals who recently have moved into his territory.

With further reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 27, 1935, concerning Robert O. McBride alias "Slivers" McBride, Mrs. Lela Palmer, resident manager at the CeZanne Apartments, 712 West 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, where McBride formerly resided, was contacted by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, and advised that she became manager of that apartment after McBride had moved from there, and consequently she knew nothing of him. She further informed that no one had previously made inquiry for McBride of her prior to Agent Norstrom's visit.

Mrs. Robert O. Morrill, 4738 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, former manager of the CeZanne Apartments advised that McBride had resided at the CeZanne for a period of about two years while she was there. She informed that McBride never worked and was home a great deal and claimed to live off the income of a number of farms that he owned, the exact location of which Mrs. Morrill was not acquainted with. Neither McBride nor his wife were friendly with the neighbors and only on rare occasions spoke to anyone at the apartment house. They had very few visitors although they spent the majority of the time at home, according to Mrs. Morrill. She was shown photographs of various fugitives wanted by the Bureau but failed to recognize any as the likeness of any person she had ever seen. She advised that there was nothing out of the ordinary about McBride's conduct as far as she had observed, other than that he had an unlisted telephone in his apartment and forbade Mrs. Morrill to give the number to anyone. She further related that Mrs. McBride was in extremely poor health and that they quarreled a great deal. Mrs. Morrill recalled that Mrs. McBride claimed to be a relative of W. T. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Company of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Warner, 3537 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, managers of the apartment at 210 West 36th Street, where McBride now resides, advised that they had observed McBride's activities very little in that they do not spend much time at the latter address. They stated that he always paid his rent promptly and was a very good tenant. They advised that Mr. R.T. Harrell, who lives across the hall from McBride, would know more of his activities than they. They also informed that the janitor,

Johnson Taylor, a negro, would also know something of McBride as he was around the apartment a great deal. Taylor resides in the basement at 3537 Central Avenue; however, he could not be located for questioning on the date of the interviews with the Warners.

Mr. R. T. Harrell was contacted at the Phillips Service Station at 18th and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, which he manages. He informed that he lived across the hall from McBride for a period of about a year, but during that time had only spoken to him on one occasion when McBride complained of the noise that was being made in Harrell's apartment. He advised that McBride was not friendly with the neighbors and never associated with anyone in the apartment. Harrell stated that he knew nothing of McBride's activities, other than that he was frequently away from home for long periods of time. He was shown photographs of Karpis and Campbell but failed to recognize them as the likeness of anyone that he had ever seen before.

W. T. Brown, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 7th and Walnut Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and R. L. Hinckle, Clerk to the Accountant, Postal Telegraph Company, 800 Delaware Street, Kansas City, Missouri, were contacted by Special Agent R. J. Brandt, and after checking their lists for the past four months neither could find any telegram addressed to McBride.

John Kelly, Deputy Sheriff, Jackson County, Missouri, advised Agents Norstrom and Hopton that he had heard that McBride owned a farm in Clay County, Missouri, near Liberty, and was spending some time there. Dee Mosly, County Recorder at Liberty, Missouri, as well as Hilford Halferty, County Collector, checked through their records and failed to find any property in Clay County under the name of McBride. Inquiry was also made at the Post Office at Liberty without results. Inquiry was then made of Mr. C. K. Gillespie, in the County Recorder's Office at Independence, Missouri for Jackson County, Missouri, and it was found that on May 31, 1933, Josephine Frances McBride and David C. McBride deeded a lot located in the Taubman Chill Manor Addition at Independence to Minnie S. Kuhlman. This property is located on 23rd Street in Independence, a half mile west of Kiger Road. Referring to serial 4160, book 41, in the KANMO case indicates that Miss Kuhlman was interviewed in September of 1934 about McBride but no information of value was obtained.

It may be mentioned here that the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Chicago Office dated September 7, 1934, in the case entitled "Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner" reflects that on May 31, 1933 Josephine Frances McBride and her husband, David C. McBride, sold property near Independence, Missouri to Miss Minnie S. Kuhlman, who, upon interview by Agent W. F. Trainor, stated that the truck farm was formerly owned and occupied by Josephine Holbart and that this individual married a man named McBride.

Mr. R. T. Harrell, Phillips Petroleum Service Station, 18th and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, was again interviewed by the writer on January 24, 1936, at which time he advised that David McBride recently fell on a slippery pavement and broke several ribs; that as a result thereof he was confined in a hospital in Kansas City, name unknown. The photograph of William Elmer Mead was exhibited to Mr. Harrell inasmuch as it was thought that if Mead were in the vicinity of Kansas City he would in all probability get in touch with McBride, whose criminal specialty is confidence games. Mr. Harrell stated he does not recall ever seeing Mead in the apartment building. He suggested that Agent interview Mr. Alexander Warner, who is manager of the apartments at 210 West 36th Street, and who resides in the apartment just around the corner and which is adjacent thereto. He stated Mr. Warner would be in a position to know more about the activities of the tenants and he considered him a very reliable individual.

Mr. Alexander Warner, 3537 Central, Kansas City, Missouri, manager of the apartments at 210 West 36th Street, which are adjacent to the apartments at 3537 Central, advised that a short time ago it had come to his attention that David McBride is a confidence man and that upon receiving this information he was somewhat surprised inasmuch as he had considered him a very good tenant. He stated he is not acquainted with McBride's activities and ordinarily would not know who visits him unless some complaint were made by the neighbors. However, he stated that in the event visitors should park their cars in the rear of the apartment and were visiting McBride he could very easily obtain the license number inasmuch as he has a clear view of same from his apartment. He stated he would watch for cars occupied by McBride's associates and furnish license numbers on same to the Kansas City Office.

Mr. Warner mentioned that McBride recently fell on a slippery pavement and broke several ribs; that he was in St. Luke's Hospital and returned to his home on January 28, 1936. He suggested that the writer interview the negro janitor, whom he considered a reliable and trustworthy individual.

Accordingly, Mr. Warner introduced Agent to Johnson Taylor at the above address, at which time he stated he would be glad to watch the visitors and activities of McBride and report same to Mr. Warner, who, in turn, would communicate with the Kansas City office in the event anything takes place to merit suspicion.

On January 1, 1936, Miss Louise Brown, colored, 2443 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, called at the Kansas City Office and was interviewed by W. W. Klemp, Night Clerk. Miss Brown stated she had information that she wished to disclose but that the source of same should be kept confidential.

Miss Brown stated that she was formerly employed at the Linda Vista Apartments, Armour and Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri,

her present place of employment, however, being the Brush Creek Plaza Apartments, which two apartment houses are owned by the same individual. She stated that the Linda Vista Apartments are managed by a Miss Miller, who is supposed to be a sister of Vern Miller. According to Louise Brown, Miss Miller is apparently harboring fugitives from justice, doing so because they were friends of her deceased brother, Verne. Miss Brown has been told by Miss Miller that she was being forced to take these people in and did not do so of her own accord. Miss Brown claims the strangers are obviously hiding from something, and that they are very nervous and easily excited, and their stay is always of short duration. They use the rear entrance of the building and are always assigned to a "vacant" apartment by Miss Miller, and that their names never appear on the apartment register. They remain in their rooms, taking their meals with Miss Miller and an alleged sister of Miss Miller, a Mrs. Young, who resides in apartment #202.

During Miss Brown's three month period of employment at the Linda Vista, she has been constantly warned by Miss Miller not to talk to anyone of incidents occurring in the apartments. Miss Brown has seen, on one occasion, numerous newspaper clippings which included a photograph of Vern Miller, which clippings apparently were not taken from a local newspaper.

According to Miss Brown, there are several people who are aware of this arrangement and who are willing to cooperate with Miss Miller, namely, Miss Miller's mother, who also resides in the apartment; Ethel, last name unknown, colored, a private maid of Miss Miller; one Bedford, colored, the janitor; and a Miss Ross, the housekeeper. Miss Brown informed that she believes it would be to no avail to attempt to interview any of these people; however, she stated that one Mary Glenn, an old lady who lives in the basement, might talk. She further advised that the owner of the apartment plans to discharge Miss Miller at an early date, at which time she, Louise Brown, will resume her employment at that place.

Miss Brown was reinterviewed on January 2, 1936, upon her appearance at the Kansas City Office by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and M. C. Spear. She advised that about four weeks ago two men and two women came to the Linda Vista Apartments, and stayed for a couple of days at apartment #106. She explained that Miss Miller had formerly been in #106, but prior to these peoples arrival she had moved to apartment #301. Miss Brown stated that she had only had an opportunity to see one of the individuals of this party of four at this apartment, and that the individual in question was a woman who was about 40 years of age, about 5' 4" in height, weighing between 150 and 160 pounds, and being stout in build. At the time in question, this woman had indicated to Miss Brown that she was drunk and had placed her hat on her head and stated something about that she was going as she was on the "spot". In an endeavor to have Miss Brown identify this woman, various photographs of women mentioned in the BREMER case



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were shown her including a group photograph of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon, and Gladys Sawyer, this being serial 964 in the Kansas City file in this case. This group picture was the one taken at the time of their arrest in connection with the Bremer case at Cleveland, Ohio. Immediately upon viewing this photograph, Miss Brown picked out that of Gladys Sawyer as the woman she had seen, stating that she felt positive this was the woman in question, but that when seen by Miss Brown about four weeks ago this individual was fatter. She thereafter examined a photograph of Gladys Sawyer, Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department #43239, and a photograph of Gladys Sawyer with her husband, Harry Sawyer. Without any hesitation whatsoever Miss Brown stated that this woman was the one in question she had seen there. She remarked, as stated above, that she had no opportunity to see the other individuals, and accordingly did not know who they were.

Miss Brown also mentioned that although her home was in Kansas City, she had been in Chicago for the past fourteen or fifteen years, and that prior to going to Chicago she had worked for Mr. Phillips, who is the owner, apparently, or the rental agent of the Linda Vista Apartments, and that upon coming back to Kansas City she had again gone into his employ. Miss Brown stated that she was discharged by Miss Miller because Miss Miller apparently thought she observed too much and talked too much. Miss Brown further advised that prior to being discharged she had mentioned to Mr. Phillips that individuals were being kept at the Linda Vista Apartments of which there was no record, and he advised her to go ahead and let Miss Miller discharge her and that he would give her another job. Miss Brown stated that she was coming to this Bureau Office unbeknown to Mr. Phillips or to Miss Miller, and accordingly, she desired her interview to be kept in strictest confidence. When questioned as to who she would suggest for Agents of this Bureau to contact at the Linda Vista Apartments relative to these people who had stayed with Gladys Sawyer, she advised that she knew of no reliable people there. She stated that she was lately getting some information from a colored wash woman at this apartment, but that she felt quite certain that it would be unwise for us to contact this woman.

She described Miss Miller, the sister of Vernon Miller, as being about 34 years of age, 5' 2" in height, 130 lbs. in weight, chunky build, dark brown hair, nice looking. She described Miller's other sister, Mrs. Young, who resides at apartment #202 as being between 41 and 42 years of age, 5' 6" in height, 128 to 129 lbs. in weight, medium build, having dark brown hair. Mrs. Young has a daughter 18 years of age, and a son 14 years of age, both of whom reside with her. Miss Miller's mother resides with her in apartment #301.

On January 25, 1936, Miss Louise Brown, 2443 Tracy, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed by the writer, at which time she stated no additional information had come to her attention concerning the activities of Ethel Miller, sister of Verne Miller, except to mention that she had recently heard that Mr. C. E. Phillips, 609 West



48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, Rental Agent for the Linda Vista Apartments, had placed an undercover man in the apartments to watch the activities of Miss Miller. She again reiterated that in her opinion Miss Miller has on several occasions harbored criminals. In this connection, she stated she was never allowed to see the man but knew this from their conversation and because apartments were being occupied for which there was no registration. She mentioned also that Miss Frances Spencer, a teacher at the Northeast High School, resided in the Linda Vista Apartments and is a very reliable individual.

Mr. C. E. Phillips, 609 West 48th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, upon interview advised that he is the rental agent for the Linda Vista Apartments, which building is owned by an insurance concern in California. He stated he has known Miss Ethel Miller for a number of years and feels positive she is a law abiding citizen and had nothing to do with the criminal activities of her deceased brother, Vern Miller. He informed the writer that nothing has ever come to his attention to indicate that Miss Miller is in contact with any fugitives from justice. In this connection he mentioned that a short time ago a negro maid, whom he has known for some time and who formerly worked for Miss Miller, complained to him that Miss Miller had been harboring criminals; that he did not put much credence in this statement inasmuch as he felt quite certain it was the result of a grudge the negro had against Miss Miller because of being discharged. Mr. Phillips stated he wished to assure this Agent that he would cooperate with the Bureau to the fullest extent and that in the event any information is ever received to the effect that fugitives are staying at the Linda Vista Apartments he would make suitable arrangements for a surveillance of same. Mr. Phillips recalled that during the trial of the Union Station Massacre case in Kansas City Miss Miller mentioned to him that she felt quite sure that Agents of the Bureau were maintaining a surveillance of her and that she wanted to assure Mr. Phillips that she had no interest whatever in her brother, Vern Miller. Mr. Phillips also stated that his office maintains a record of all persons who live in the Linda Vista Apartments and that they rent by the week and month; that during the winter months they usually have no vacancies in the building.

Miss Frances Spencer was interviewed at the Northeast High School, 415 South Van Brunt Street, Kansas City, Missouri, who related she has resided in the Linda Vista Apartment Hotel for the past two years; that a few days ago it had come to her attention that Miss Ethel Miller, manager of the apartments, is a sister of Vern Miller, Deceased. Miss Spencer advised she has on several occasions spoken to Miss Miller and was impressed by her as being an upright person and one who seems to be very particular about maintaining order in the building. It was explained to Miss Spencer that it might be possible for underworld characters to visit Miss Miller in order to receive some favor on the strength of their acquaintance with her brother and that Miss Miller might not want to report it because of a fear of publicity. Miss Spencer related that she is very much interested in the work of the

F.B.I. and would do anything within her power to cooperate with them. In this connection she advised she is personally acquainted with the young college students who are on the desk at the hotel and she would ascertain from them in a discreet manner whether persons of questionable character are contacting Miss Miller, and in the event she receives any information of value she will immediately communicate with the Kansas City Office.

Inasmuch as Ted Thornton and Earl Morris are known to be close associates of Milton Lett, who is wanted for questioning in connection with instant case as well as by the Postal Inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio, for questioning relative to the Garrettsville, Ohio Mail Train Robbery, a close check is being maintained by the Kansas City Bureau Office of their activities. In this connection, Sgt. Charles Newman, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, advised Special Agent V. W. Gillen on January 15, 1936, that he and Troopers Graham and Oliver, stationed at Nevada, Missouri, had learned nothing regarding Ted Thornton and Earl Morris, but advised they would continue their surveillance of them and report any unusual activities or contacts of theirs to the Kansas City Bureau Office.

On January 17, 1936, the Postmaster at Nevada, Missouri, telephoned the Kansas City Office and stated that an automobile, make unknown to him, had arrived at Nevada, evidently at the home of H. F. Thornton; that it bore California license plates 2 T 6747. The Postmaster did not know the year of these license plates.

On the evening of January 17, 1936, Special Agents W. John McNulty and V. W. Gillen were advised by Officer Ade Tow, Nevada, Missouri, that about noon that day his wife had gone to the door of the Thornton-Morris home, 303 East Hickory Street, to solicit votes for Mr. Tow in the coming election and had observed three or four men sitting around a table as though in conference. Outside a car, make unknown, was parked which bore California license 2 T 6747, year unknown. Shortly thereafter when Mr. Tow went past the house the car had disappeared.

On January 20, 1936, Postmaster John Moss, Nevada, Missouri, advised Agents McNulty and Gillen that about 7 P.M., January 19, 1936, the same automobile was seen in front of 303 East Hickory and left shortly thereafter. It was not there when Agents visited Nevada at about 3:30 P.M., on January 20, 1936. Mr. Tow was not available at the time but Agents telephonically received information from Mrs. Tow that the California license which she had observed was mostly yellow; that is, the background was yellow with dark numerals. Apparently she was mistaking the color yellow for orange. Agents Gillen and McNulty visited the tavern, which is a roadhouse and night club situated on U. S. Highway 54 on the Missouri side about 200 yards from the Kansas line, on Friday evening January 17, 1936. This place is supposed to be operated by Ted Thornton. They noted it is a wooden

structure about sixty feet from the road, one hundred feet deep and fifty feet wide, and a small private power plant is located to the rear and left of the main structure. There are two front entrances, the left door leading directly to a small bar and the right directly into the main dining room and dance floor. On week nights there are two floor shows, apparently at 10:30 and 12:30. On Saturday nights there are three floor shows; 10:30, 12:30 and 2:30. Doors lead to small rooms on either side of the platform and local rumor has it that gambling takes place in them. The tavern is about twelve or fifteen miles west of Nevada, Missouri.

The mail ~~was~~ ~~delivered~~ ~~to~~ ~~303 East Hickory Street, Nevada, Missouri~~ ~~has been~~ ~~delivered~~ ~~to~~ ~~Agent~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~request~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~continuance~~ ~~of~~ ~~same~~.

On January 21, 1936, a letter was directed to the Los Angeles Office to check the aforementioned California license plate, and in a letter dated January 25, 1936, the Los Angeles Office advised that 1935 California license plate 2 T 6747 was issued to C. D. Woodward, General Delivery, Lindsay, California. It was also ascertained by the Los Angeles Office that Dolly Larimer and her husband, George Larimer, of Porterville, California, relatives of Ted Thornton, are related to Louisa Clark, wife of John F. Clark, of Lindsay, California, and that said city is near Porterville, California.

With reference to letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 28, 1936, relative to Milton Lett, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. S. Reeder and the writer on January 29, 1936.

Postmaster John Moss, Nevada, Missouri, advised that he has been watching all mail delivered at 303 East Hickory Street, Nevada, Missouri, the residence address of Ted Thornton and Earl Morris. In this connection he advised that on one or two occasions recently they have received mail from 1401 Elm Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. It is noted that this is the address of Mrs. Esther Twilley, mother-in-law of Earl Morris. Mr. Moss stated that Milton Lett is unknown to him, and upon viewing his photograph advised that he does not recall ever having seen him in company with Thornton. He mentioned, however, that he saw a man in the Post Office that day who resembled the photograph of Lett. He described this individual as being 6' in height, weighing about 185 pounds. Inasmuch as the Kansas City Office file does not contain a description of Milton Lett it is requested that the Cleveland or Oklahoma City Offices furnish same. Mr. Moss suggested that Agents interview Mr. Tom Coleman, local manager of the Copering-Cowell Company, 128 North Cedar Street, whom he considered a reliable person.

Mr. Tom Coleman, upon interview, stated he was born and raised in Iola, Kansas, and was acquainted with Ted Thornton, who also comes from that city. He mentioned he has been watching the activities of Thornton inasmuch as he has a suspicion that some of his associates

were responsible for the robbery of their company in Iola, Kansas in December 1935. He stated that Milton Lett is unknown to him. Mr. Coleman mentioned that one of the hangouts for Thornton's associates in that vicinity is the pool hall directly in back of his place of business. He stated in the event he should ascertain that Milton Lett is with Thornton he will notify Mr. Moss, who, in turn, will notify the Kansas City Bureau Office.

Agents interviewed Chief of Police Ade Tow, Nevada, Missouri, who advised that since he was first contacted by Agents of the Bureau several weeks ago, he has at numerous intervals maintained a surveillance over the Thornton residence at 303 East Hickory Street. Milton Lett, he stated, is unknown to him. He mentioned that California license 2 T 6747, which he had recently reported to Special Agent Gillen, is on a 1936 Ford Coach. It is noted in letter from the Los Angeles Office dated January 25, 1936, that 1935 California license 2 T 6747, had been issued to C. D. Woodward, Lindsay, California, on an old model automobile. In view of this fact it appears advisable for the Los Angeles Office to ascertain whether C. A. Woodward owns a 1936 Ford Coach and whether said car was driven to Iola, Kansas and Nevada, Missouri, by Dolly Larimer and her husband. In view of the above it is possible that the license plate of Woodward may have been stolen.

Agents called at the Tavern Night Club located on Highway 54 about two hundred yards from the Kansas line and without disclosing Agents' identities casual inquiries were made of the caretaker of the club, who is a young lad about 25 years of age. He stated that Ted Thornton owns a half-interest in the club and that he has never heard of anyone by the name of Milton Lett.

Ted Thornton, 303 East Hickory Street, Nevada, Missouri, upon interview, stated he is well acquainted with Milton Lett, having met him through his, Thornton's, gambling activities in Coffeyville, Kansas. He mentioned that Lett usually stops in to see him at frequent intervals and the last time he saw him was about eight or ten days ago when he, Lett, talked to a Department of Justice Agent from Oklahoma City. In this connection it may be stated that from Thornton's conversation he seemed to have a fairly good idea that Lett was being used as an informant by the Bureau and does not feel that he is in any trouble but that the Bureau wants to contact him again for further information. He also stated that when he last talked to Lett he mentioned that he was "laying low" because he did not want to be subpoenaed for the trial of Tom Hill in connection with the gas company robbery several years ago in Kansas. Thornton mentioned he was in Coffeyville, Kansas, last Saturday, January 25, 1936, at which time his wife mentioned to him that she saw Milton Lett's car parked uptown. However, he did not see Lett on that occasion. He advised further that Milton Lett is very well known at McCabe's Filling Station, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and that when he is in that vicinity he usually stops there. He mentioned also that Lett very often goes to Fort Scott, Kansas but

that he did not know who his contacts were at that place.

Thornton assured the writer that he would be very glad to get in touch with the Kansas City Office in the event he learns of the location of Lett. Although Thornton appeared to be sincere in his statements it is not known whether he is reliable. However, in view of the fact that he apparently is of the opinion that Lett is an informant of the Bureau he may put the Kansas City Office in touch with him.

Agents while in Nevada, Missouri, contacted Patrolman B. F. Graham, Missouri Highway Patrol, inasmuch as he is entirely familiar with the activities at the Tavern as well as at 303 East Hickory Street. Graham stated he has seen Milton Lett in company with Ted Thornton on one or two occasions in Nevada, Missouri, and knows him by sight. He advised the writer that when Lett next puts in his appearance in that vicinity he will immediately notify the Kansas City Office.

It may be mentioned here that immediately upon receipt of the aforementioned letter from Mr. Connelley relative to Milton Lett the Oklahoma City Office was reached by telephone, at which time they advised that Special Agents J. B. Little and Paul Hansen were at that time in Coffeyville, Kansas, conducting an investigation in an effort to locate Lett. At 9:40 A.M., on January 29, 1936, Special Agent J. B. Little called the Kansas City Office from the Dale Hotel, Coffeyville, Kansas, and advised that their investigation had shown Lett was at home in Wann, Oklahoma, on January 28, 1936, and that he had left there. The address of Miss Esther Twilley, in Coffeyville, Kansas, was furnished to Special Agent Little.

The report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-21-35, recites that Bill Robinson, Manager of the R & S Chevrolet Company, Joplin, Missouri, upon interview stated he was working on the theory that the robbery of his concern in November 1932 was perpetrated by Harry Campbell, Glenn Roy Wright, Jimmie Lawson (now incarcerated at Lansing, Kansas), and a local character Ed Carey, presently confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary. It was Mr. Robinson's opinion that one Frank Vaughn, who was formerly a friend of Malcolm Farmer, might be of assistance in locating Campbell.

Special Agent V. W. Gillen ascertained from Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Vaughn, Bloodland, Missouri, that their son, Frank Vaughn, is presently residing at 1815 Lincoln Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, and were of the opinion that he is working some where in Chicago, Illinois. It is noted in report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-2-36 in the case entitled "Mrs. George Chase, with aliases, I.O. 1199 (Deceased); Lloyd Doyle with alias, I.O. 1208, Et Al - August Luer - Victim; Kidnaping." that a lead is set out for the Chicago Office to interview Frank Vaughn for any information he may have concerning Lloyd Doyle. In view of the statement of Mr. Robinson it appears advisable for the Chicago Office to interview

Frank Vaughn for any information he may have concerning the Subjects in instant case.

At about 6 P.M. on January 16, 1936, Agent McNulty was telephonically contacted by Chief of Detectives Ruel N. Wommack, of the Springfield, Missouri Police Department, who suggested that he call at the office for information on instant case at 8 P.M. At that time Agents McNulty and Gillen met Mr. Wommack in company with Captain L. B. Howard, Troop D, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Sheriff Scott Curtis of Greene County.

Mr. Wommack told the group that one of his officers, George Harp, had received information from a cousin, Clell Bain, who operates a grocery store in Everton, Missouri, that Alvin Karpis was supposed to have been near Everton recently. Mr. Wommack and Mr. Harp had made a preliminary investigation in the afternoon of January 16, 1936, but had talked only with Mr. Bain.

Agent McNulty, accompanied by Captain Howard and George Harp, proceeded to Everton where Mr. and Mrs. Clell Bain were interviewed. They stated that a milk man named McVey, who works out of Carthage, Missouri, had informed them that one Jewell Foust, alias Jewell Brown, a local prostitute, had informed them that Alvin Karpis had recently shot her twice through the hand while he was visiting her at her present residence.

Captain Howard said he had known Jewell Foust for some time but would not put much credence in what she said. However, it is known that many local criminals are friendly with her and she is believed to have had a connection with the Leonard Short gang of bank robbers. She resides about five miles south of Everton near the Lawrence and Dade County lines. She makes her home with her sister-in-law, a widow, Mrs. Raymond Foust, and the latter's two children.

Mr. Bain stated that Jewell's wound was treated by one Dr. W. R. Riley of Everton. Mr. Bain said that on 1-14-36 he had observed Jewell Foust get out of an automobile in Everton. Two men were in the car she left. He was unable to give a description of the men, but said he believed the car was a dark blue or green 1931 Ford. Jewell Foust purchased some groceries at Mr. Bain's store. Because of the lateness of the hour it was decided not to attempt to contact anyone else in Everton until the following day.

On January 17, 1936, Agent proceeded again to Everton and there contacted Postmaster George T. Barker. He said that Jewell Foust's present residence is on Rural Route #2. He said that Jewell's father, Charlie Foust, a local drunkard, lived about three miles south of Mrs. Raymond Foust's home, and that the closest town to Charlie's home was Lawrenceburg. Postmaster Barker knew that there had been a shooting scrape about two weeks ago, but did not know



the names of the parties involved. He said the Fousts were the most disreputable family in the neighborhood and that he did not believe Jewell Foust's word was reliable. The Postmaster suggested that Agent McNulty interview letter carrier J. R. Hudspeth, who carries Rural Route #2, stating that Mr. Hudspeth was reliable and would be able to furnish more detailed information about Jewell Foust and her operations.

An attempt was made to contact Mr. Hudspeth at Everton, Lawrenceburg and Paris Springs without success.

It had been ascertained from Mr. Wommack and from the Postmaster that Dr. J. R. Riley was thoroughly reliable. He is a member of an old Greene County family. The writer interviewed him at his drug store and office, located two doors from the Everton Post Office. He agreed to furnish information so long as his name was not mentioned to any of the parties involved in the case. He stated that shortly before midnight on January 2, 1936, after he had retired, he was awakened by a loud knocking at his residence. On going to the door he was confronted by a Mr. Gatewood, who works for the Shell Gasoline Pumping Station south of Everton. Gatewood told Dr. Riley he had a woman in his automobile who required treatment. The doctor at first refused to take a case at that hour of the night, but on learning that the woman was suffering from a bullet wound he agreed to treat her. He did not meet the woman until he arrived at his office when he ascertained that she was Jewell Foust, alias Brown. Gatewood and Jewell were accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Foust. Jewell had a bullet wound in the palm of her right hand, and an additional wound between her ring and little fingers on the right hand where these two fingers were grazed by a second bullet.

Dr. Riley dressed the wounds and gave Jewell a hypodermic and amatol tablets. He stated that she was clad only in pajamas. Gatewood agreed to pay the bill. It is believed that Gatewood is intimate with Mrs. Raymond Foust. Dr. Riley, during the dressing of the wound, asked Jewell who shot her, whereupon she replied that it was "none of his damn business" and that he was to keep his mouth shut and he would be paid. Dr. Riley again dressed the wound on Friday, January 3, 1936, and remembers no conversation of importance at that time. On Sunday evening, January 5, 1936, he dressed the wound for the third and last time. He believes Jewell was somewhat under the influence of liquor at this time. She told him that she had had an argument with Alvin Karpis about an automobile, a V-8 Ford, as he remembered it, which he wanted to drive, and that she attempted to go with Karpis when he left her place, but that he refused to permit it and in the struggle which ensued he shot her twice.

Dr. Riley believes that the bullet wound in the palm of the hand was made by a .38 calibre bullet. He believes he may be able to secure additional information in this matter, and will attempt to contact Jewell again for the purpose of finally dressing the wound, at

which time he thinks he may be able to learn more.

On January 29, 1936, Agent McNulty reinterviewed Dr. W.R. Riley and Clell Bain, both of whom said they had received no additional information of value pertaining to Jewell Foust and her alleged contact with Alvin Karpis earlier in January. Both of these men will inform the Kansas City Bureau Office and Agent McNulty in the event there are any developments in this case.

Letter carrier J. R. Hudspeth, who carries Rural Route #2 out of the Everton, Missouri Post Office, stated that he has known Jewell Foust, alias Jewell Brown, for several years, and that he has carried mail to her present residence since April 1935. He stated that her reputation is very poor and that she is not considered reliable. He had received no information from Jewell Foust or her sister-in-law regarding the shooting which took place at the Foust residence on January 2, 1936. However, he had learned from one Howard Hoover, a local bootlegger, the details of the affair about two days after the shooting occurred.

From information received from Hoover, Hudspeth believes that one Joe White, alias "Blackie" White, former automobile salesman at Republic, Missouri, may have been at the Foust residence on the night of the shooting. White, who is believed to be suffering from tuberculosis, is said by Hudspeth to be an associate of local criminals. Hudspeth further stated that he has recently examined outgoing mail left by Jewell Foust in her box for the carrier, and the only person she has recently addressed letters to is the above mentioned Joe White of Republic, Missouri.

While Mr. Hudspeth has not noticed any strange cars in the vicinity of the Foust residence, he stated that he has seen Jewell Foust in Everton driving with "someone" in a 1935 or 1936 Ford V-8 Sedan. He said that to the best of his recollection this Ford V-8 appeared in Everton about December 27, 1935.

The above mentioned Hoover also informed Hudspeth that two individuals driving a black Buick had called at Howard Hoover's residence just prior to the first of the year, and, in Hoover's absence, talked to Hoover's father. The Hoover residence is just south of Everton. The two occupants of the Buick inquired the way to "Widow Foust's residence". "Widow Foust" is the sister-in-law of Jewell Foust.

When questioned as to other male friends of Jewell Foust, Mr. Hudspeth said that he knew of only two in addition to Joe White. One is a man named Jones who works under the supervision of Mr. Gatewood at the Shell Pumping Station at Everton. (Gatewood is mentioned in the investigation conducted heretofore by Agent McNulty.) The second is a truck driver from Mount Vernon, Missouri, name unknown, who is believed by Mr. Hudspeth to be part negro.



On January 19, 1936, Special Agent A. E. Farland received information from the Kansas City Police Department to the effect that information had come into their possession that Karpis was supposed to have called at Dan's Spring Works, 18th and Cherry Streets, Kansas City, Missouri. Accordingly, on January 20, 1936 Special Agent Farland called at Dan's Spring Works located at the southwest corner 18th and Cherry Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, and interviewed the proprietor, Mr. Dan Heuman, relative to parties who had had some work done on a Pontiac Coupe on Friday, January 17, 1936.

Mr. Heuman stated that about 11 A.M. two men drove their Pontiac Coupe into his establishment for the purpose of having a new spring installed on the right front of their car. They advised they were the owners of the Prosser Motor Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. Two of his mechanics, Antone Meziel and G. O. Stroud, were assigned to do this work. Later he was advised by his clerk and by Mr. Meziel, who is an Indian and is called "Chief", that both parties driving the Pontiac Coupe were heavily armed; that during a conversation with them they stated that they had been to California and were on their way at this time to Florida. The Clerk advised him that there was plenty of ammunition in the car; however, he made no search to ascertain how much. He referred Agent to Meziel for further information.

Antone Meziel, who resides at 810 East 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, stated he was assigned to install a new right front spring on the Pontiac Coupe and that just before starting the work one of the parties, whom he called a sandy blonde and described as being about 5' 9", weight about 170 lbs; well dressed, wearing a derby hat, started a conversation about the Lindbergh case. He later talked about other fugitives. About this time the second party came up and this conversation stopped. That while they were talking he noticed that the second party, whom he described as being about 5' 9", dark gray hair, eyes light green, wearing a light overcoat, when turning around displayed two pistols, one under each arm. He believed them to be automatics; however, he was not positive. The other man, when moving around, displayed one gun. He noticed the man's eyes particularly, they being very brilliant and his eyelashes were straight across. He was of the opinion at that time that this party might have been using some kind of dope.

The Pontiac Coupe was a 1933 model and had Minnesota State registration plates and a City of St. Paul, Minnesota city license. He was unable to state whether the license was for 1935 or 1936 but knew it was black letters on yellow background; that the car was blue black in color. He did not take the license number. The car remained in the garage until about 1 P.M. when it was backed out by the clerk, who received \$4.00 in payment for the installation of the front spring; that the bill was paid with a \$5.00 bill, they receiving \$1.00 in change. No large amount of money was flashed.

G. O. Stroud, who resides at 3204 Highland, Kansas City, Missouri, who aided in installing the right front spring on the

Pontiac Coupe, gave practically the same information, describing the blonde man as about 5'9"; weight 170 pounds; wearing a derby hat. He could furnish no further description. The second party was about 5'9", dark gray hair; light green eyes, wearing a light overcoat. Both parties were armed, the man with the dark gray hair having two pistols on him; the blond man having one. He stated that at one time they said they were from Minneapolis and later from St. Paul.

Photographs were shown all parties and both Meziel and Stroud pointed out the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being one of the parties who drove the car into the garage. However, he stated this party's face was much thinner than that which appeared in the photograph of Karpis. They were unable to identify the second man.

Both Meziel and Stroud state they can be located at Carpenters' Hall, Kansas City, Missouri, if they are not at work.

On January 23, 1936, the St. Paul Office was advised by letter of the above information and requested that appropriate investigation be made to determine whether anyone connected with the Prosser Motor Company was in Kansas City on the above date.

In Letters dated January 25, 1936 and January 27, 1936, the St. Paul Office advised that investigation both at Minneapolis and St. Paul disclosed there is no Prosser Motor Company or any company of a similar name, and also that St. Paul has not issued a city license since 1922. The St. Paul Office also advised that a further search in Minneapolis and St. Paul failed to disclose any person by the name of Prosser who may have been one of the occupants of the Pontiac Coupe; that a check of automobile registrations and driver's licenses in Minnesota failed to disclose any Prossers.

In connection with the case in the Kansas City Office entitled "Willis J. Lesperance with aliases, ET AL - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", Special Agent B. P. Cruise during an interview with Subject Willis Lesperance at the Howell County Jail, West Plains, Missouri, was advised by him that he had many criminal contacts throughout the United States, and asserted that one Jack Banghart, who operated the Motor Inn Tavern and Gambling House, Green Bay, Wisconsin, was known to have harbored many fugitives. He stated that Banghart had served a term in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas for Income Tax Evasion. Lesperance stated that he felt that through his contacts he might be able to locate Alvin Karpis and possibly Harry Campbell, and that he would do so if he could be released on the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge against him. Lesperance, in telling of his criminal contacts, stated that before John Dillinger had been killed Dillinger's girl friend, Evelyn Frechette, had been working at the Motor Inn at Green Bay, Wisconsin, and that Dillinger appeared at the Motor Inn frequently.

On January 24, 1936, Special Agent W. John McNulty interviewed Willis Lesperance at the Howell County Jail, West Plains, Missouri. Lesperance, after some hesitancy, stated that he felt he could furnish valuable information relative to the distribution of counterfeit money in this area. He stated that he had learned from a reliable source that the headquarters for the distribution of counterfeit money was in Oklahoma City where there is located a loan company presently using the name Anderson Loan Company, street address unknown. It appears that Anderson has an employee by the name of Eli Ott, who is supposed to reside at the Kincaid Hotel, Oklahoma City. Ott also is presumed to make frequent trips to Wichita, Kansas. According to the informant, the counterfeit money is brought to Oklahoma City from some point in the east unknown to him and when the same arrives at Oklahoma City, oftentimes being brought there by Ott, it is distributed in this area by Ott and Probably Anderson. The informant stated that he knows Ott frequently goes east by train and plane. He stated that he believes Ott originally came from Pittsburg, Kansas, and thinks that one Mike Martino of Capeldo, Kansas, may be mixed up in the distribution end with Anderson and Ott. This is submitted so that it may be called to the attention of Mr. Davenport.

The informant could not furnish any definite information in the Bremer case. He, however, stated that he had been associated with men who were formerly in St. Paul, mentioning specifically one Jack Banghart, and stated that if he had money he could secure information that would be of value to the Bureau pertaining to Alvin Karpis. He did recollect that on one occasion he had stopped at a roadhouse north of Peoria, Illinois, the name of which was unknown to him. This roadhouse, he stated, had been a former contact place for Karpis. He was unable to give a definite statement as to the location of the roadhouse, but stated it was just north of the Peoria city limits on what he believed was Illinois highway #51. He further stated that a blonde woman, about 30 years of age, served drinks behind the bar. He stated that anyone familiar with Peoria would probably know the roadhouse that he refers to inasmuch as it is one of the most prominent ones in that vicinity.

Willis Lesperance, subsequent to his interview with Agent McNulty, was taken by the Missouri State Highway Patrol from West Plains, Missouri to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where there is pending against him a charge of possession of stolen property.

In a letter dated January 23, 1936, the Kansas City Office was advised by Assistant Chief of Police Foster Helvey, of Fairbury, Nebraska, that an informant had advised him that Karpis was supposed to be in hiding within a radius of eight miles of McPherson, Kansas. An Air Mail, Special Delivery letter was directed to the Omaha Office on January 24, 1936, requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted by that office. In a letter dated January 27, 1936, the Omaha Office advised that Mr. Foster Helvey informed Special Agent

J. B. Culbertson that his informant was Cecil Leon Lindsay, 917 D Street, Fairbury, Nebraska. Lindsay, in substance, had advised helvey that one Johnson, who was unknown to him, had informed him that Karpis is presently located within eight miles of McPherson, Kansas, where he has a blond "moll" who is working as a waitress in the north side of McPherson. An immediate investigation concerning the above information will be conducted by the Kansas City Office.

With reference to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 12-9-35, relative to a possible hideout near Noel, Missouri, Special Agent D. L. McCormack was advised on 1-9-36 by Sgt. Charles Newman, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Joplin, Missouri, that he has had troopers watching the old "Chattall Club House" near Noel, Missouri, and that nothing of any consequence has been noted.

On January 29, 1936, Special Agents R. J. Brandt and V. J. Parry called on Anna May Valdes, 705 West 32nd Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Nicholas Jaime was present at this interview and was also questioned by Agents. They stated that they do not know the Subjects in this case and know nothing concerning them. Mrs. Valdes advised she has been unable to secure any further information regarding the present whereabouts of "Spike" Lane or his associates. Dr. Jaime denied that anyone except "Spike" Lane and an unidentified woman, possibly Vivian Chase, called on him relative to the treatment of one of Lane's associates. Dr. Jaime related that he received another mysterious telephone call at his home about 4 A.M. on January 27, 1936, and that a voice unknown to Dr. Jaime requested him to treat some one that had been injured in an accident, but the party would not reveal his identity or address, and when Dr. Jaime suggested that the patient be taken to the General Hospital the party replied "Hell, no, we sure don't want to go out there". Dr. Jaime then suggested that the party be taken to St. Luke's Hospital, but the party refused and hung up the receiver.

Agent Parry inquired of Dr. Jaime whether it was his opinion that one Tony Fanel might know Lane's whereabouts, and Dr. Jaime stated he did not know. However, after Agent Parry and Dr. Jaime had stepped out of Mrs. Valdes' apartment into the hall Mrs. Valdes advised Agent Brandt that Tony Fanel was the party that contacted Dr. Jaime relative to the treatment of Lane's companion. She also advised that he is employed days at the Saratoga, which is a race book and beer tavern located at 3511 1/2 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Valdes believes that "Spike" Lane and his associates may be contacting Tony Fanel and others at that address. This information will be investigated in connection with the case entitled "Mrs. George Chase, with aliases, I.O. 1199 (Deceased); Lloyd Doyle with alias, I.O. 1208, et al - August Luer - Victim; Kidnaping"..

A letter from the Dallas office dated January 6, 1936 enclosed a tracing of a letter received in Pampa Texas by Mrs. Mina

Gibson, return address "Mrs. A. E. Gage, 225 West 10th Street, Hutchinson, Kansas". Mrs. Gibson is the mother of Mickey Reinsmith Campbell, who is Harry Campbell's wife.

A letter from the Chicago Office dated January 25, 1936, recites that a mail tracing was received from the El Paso Bureau Office which was addressed to "Camel, Care T.P. Oil Company, Midland, Texas" and "Camel, Care T.P. Oil Company, Midland, Texas" and "Camel, Care T.P. Oil Company, Midland, Texas". Investigation is being conducted to determine the identities of these parties.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Lindsay, California, will discreetly interview C. D. Woodward and ascertain whether he owns an automobile, and, if so, what make. Also determine whether 1935 California license 2 T 6747, which is supposed to have been issued to him, has been stolen. Determine also whether he has loaned his car to Dolly Larimer.

THE ST. LOUIS BUREAU OFFICE at Poplar Bluff, Missouri will make arrangements to be notified concerning the disposition of the case against Willis J. Lesperance in order that he may again be approached for the purpose of obtaining any information that may come into his possession relative to the Subjects of this case. It may be borne in mind that Lesperance does not know that prosecution against him for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act has been declined by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. It is suggested that a road map of Illinois be exhibited to him in an effort to locate the roadhouse near Peoria, Illinois which he claims was a contact place for Karpis.

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE at Joplin, Missouri, should again contact Roy Hance, Investigator for the Eagle-Picher Mines for any information he may have received concerning Karpis and Campbell. In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 12-9-35.

At Lansing, Kansas, will interview Edward Bible, No. 9759, Kansas State Penitentiary, to determine whether he has received any information concerning Bessie Green, particularly her present location. Photographs of Eddie and Bessie Green should be exhibited to Bible. In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 12-9-35 and the letter to the Bureau from the Kansas City Office dated 12-12-35.

At Coffeyville, Kansas, will reinterview Charlie Harris to determine whether he has any information concerning George Dunn which might be of value in this case. With regard to this lead reference is made to the report of A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, dated 12-9-35. It is to be noted that Harris has offered his services

as an informant provided he is paid a suitable sum of money, and it will be further noted that Mr. E. J. Connelley has indicated that all arrangements made with Harris should be on a strictly C.O.D. basis.

At Iarned, Kansas, will interview Sheriff Wilson to determine whether he has received any information from Miss Mary Campbell, who is the girl friend of Charles Cheatham, a former associate of Karpis.

At Wichita, Kansas, will interview "Little Steve" Stephens, operator of the Cotton Club, 20th and Central Streets, concerning any information he may have relative to Campbell and Karpis. As reflected in report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-29-35 Gus Haut alias Hart, upon interview the latter part of December 1935 at the County Jail, Carthage, Missouri, stated he last saw Campbell two months ago at the Lasson Hotel, Wichita, Kansas and that he met him through Stephens. It may be mentioned that Gus Haut is not considered entirely reliable.

At McPherson, Kansas, will conduct investigation to determine whether Karpis is presently hiding out in that vicinity.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY BUREAU OFFICE is requested to furnish the Kansas City Office with a description of Milton Lett.

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REPORT MADE AT: Buffalo, New York	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/6/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/22, 29/36	REPORT MADE BY: G. V. DOHERTY
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

## SUMMARY REPORT

Summary report of information relative to William Elmer Mead, as contained in the files of the Buffalo Bureau office.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated Dec. 19, 1935.

DETAILS: This report is being submitted for the purpose of summarizing all the information relative to William Elmer Mead in the files of the Buffalo Bureau office. Said review discloses no information which would indicate that William Elmer Mead has ever been within the territory covered by this office, and the information as set forth hereinafter is entirely negative; nevertheless, it is deemed advisable to review same for the information of all interested offices.

According to the report of Special Agent A. Hale Watkins, Atlanta, Georgia, dated July 26, 1935, it appeared that possibly William E. Meade of the Raimon Laboratories, 70-86 West Chippewa Street, Buffalo, N.Y. might be the William Mead referred to. However, as shown in the report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y. dated August 29, 1935, said William E. Meade is a long resident of Buffalo and apparently respectable. At that time, he resided at 554 Hewitt Parkway, Buffalo, N.Y. and was Vice President of the Eleanor School of Beauty Culture, 306 Root Building, Buffalo, N.Y.

In view of the fact that the summary report of Special Agent P.M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated Jan. 22, 1936, submitted in connection with

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instant person reviews the activities of William L. Mead, who was believed to be at Saratoga Springs, New York, same is not being set forth herein, other than to state that the person who it was believed was William Elmer Mead and who was supposed to have been operating at Saratoga Springs, was, according to the report of Special Agent P.J. Cotter, Buffalo, N.Y. dated Oct. 10, 1935, one Arthur J. Bradley, Providence, R.I. gambler.

There also appears in the files of the Buffalo Bureau office a copy of a letter from the Bureau [redacted]

[redacted] which refers to a letter [redacted]

in regard to the activities of William Elmer Meade. However, there is nothing to indicate therein that any frauds have been perpetrated by Meade. [redacted] Said letter refers to Meade, who at that time was using the alias of Frank Taylor, and is unquestionably covered in detail in the aforementioned summary report of Special Agent P.M. Plunkett of the Boston office.

For the information of the office of origin, attention is respectfully directed to the report of G.V. Doherty, Buffalo, N.Y. dated July 22, 1935, wherein it is stated that an interview was had by said agent with William R. Day and John H. Porter, who were convicted on July 14, 1935, in the Federal Courts at Rochester, N.Y. for using the mail to defraud in connection with a confidence game, and were sentenced for said violation to serve 8 years in the Lewisburg Penitentiary. Said report sets forth the names and addresses of various friends and relatives of Porter and Day. However, it is deemed advisable to set forth at this time the following addresses due to the fact that they may in some way be connected or associated with William Elmer Mead:

Sam Whitney, Route #3  
Box #241, Phoenix, Calif.

(Fresno confidence man - has ranch)

Roy Huntsman, 1128 St. Point View  
Phone Drexel 9357, Los Angeles, Calif. (Ex-confidence man)

C.R. Campbell, Hotel Brent  
80th & Bdwy., New York City

(C.R. Campbell unknown; but hotel frequented by confidence men)



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Stanley Rose, 6661 1/2 Hollywood Blvd.  
1625 Vine St., Hollywood, Calif.  
Phone HE 4300

(Fixer in mailing connection for  
confidence men, and operates a  
book store)

Ben Karug, Croydon Hotel  
Rush & Ontario Sts., Chicago, Ill.

(Known confidence man)

3823 W. 65th St., Los Angeles  
Red Pitts Tel.

(Place known to be frequented by  
confidence men)

L.A. Harry, 7850 Sunset Blvd.  
(Believed Los Angeles)

(Associate of confidence men)

1825 No. Cahuenga, Apt. 403  
Hollywood, Calif.

(Mail address for persons in  
confidence racket)

At the time the writer interviewed Day and Porter, they were rather reticent about furnishing information due to the fact that their appeal in connection with their prison sentence was pending, and they felt that anything which they might say would be detrimental to them. It is suggested that they might possibly be able to furnish some definite information concerning subject Mead, or his associates, or their associates who might be in contact with Mead, and if deemed advisable, it is suggested that the office of origin set forth appropriate leads to reinterview said individuals. In the event such lead is set out, it is thought advisable to have Porter interviewed prior to the interview with Day; and at the same time, efforts should be made to ascertain the present whereabouts of Porter's wife, in view of the fact that it was indicated by the inspectors that she will unquestionably associate herself with confidence men while her husband is incarcerated.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

REM:MPS

February 6, 1936.

Honorable W. Sanders Gramling,  
Assistant United States Attorney,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; et al,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping, etc.

With reference to your letter of January 27, 1936,  
relating further to certain articles in the possession of the  
Deputy United States Marshal at Miami, which were obtained by  
Agents of this Bureau, and which are claimed by the Rolfe  
Armored Truck Service, Inc., you are advised that upon receipt  
of advice from the headquarters of this Bureau in Washington,  
I will inform you as to the attitude of this Bureau toward  
releasing these articles to Mr. Rolfe.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the Chicago Office file reflects the following undeveloped leads which have not been covered by your Office:

Report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, dated 1/14/36, requested investigation relative to the identities of Mary Forth and George Benton.

The report of Special Agent M. E. Klett, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 1/15/36, requested that your Office endeavor to locate L. J. Lennon for interview.

It is requested that these leads be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the Chicago Office file reveals the following undeveloped leads which have been set out for your Office, and which should receive the appropriate attention at the earliest possible date:

Letter from the Omaha Office, dated 12/27/35, requested the photographs of one Pendleton and Elmer G. Stone to be exhibited to Arthur Johnson at the Colorado State Penitentiary to ascertain whether he could identify either of these individuals as being identical with the person known as Gus Stone.

The report of Special Agent R. H. Groff, Denver, Colorado, dated 1/5/36, sets out various leads for investigation by your Office at Denver, Canon City, Tabernash, Colorado Springs and Karval, Colorado.

The report of Special Agent R. G. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36 sets forth leads for your Office to conduct investigation concerning William Elmer Head.

A letter from the Chicago Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated 12/27/35, a copy of which was furnished to your Office, requested further investigation at Colorado Springs, Colorado, in connection with this case.

The report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated 1/10/36, sets forth a lead for your Office to interview Elmer Bager relative to the source of the rumor that Dr. Joseph P. Moran joined the Cuban Army.

Very truly yours,

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:

RE: BREWSTER

Your attention is invited to the report of  
Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated  
1/8/36, and the report of Special Agent W. T. Gray,  
Butte, Montana, dated 1/17/36, requesting investiga-  
tion for the purpose of locating William Elmer Head.  
It is requested that your Office interview Dr. Frank  
J. Bell as requested at an early date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Your attention is invited to the letter from  
Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to your Office  
dated 12/30/35, requesting investigation relative to  
the identity of one C. C. Peters to determine his con-  
nection with D. C. McBride, associate of C. J. Fitzgerald,  
and also a contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

It is requested that a report be submitted in  
connection with this matter at an early date.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent C. E. Greeney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated 1/3/36, in which it is stated that further investigation would be conducted at Grove City, Harrisville, and West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, to determine if Campbell or Karpis were visiting or hiding out in that vicinity.

The Chicago Office desires to be advised of the results of your recent inquiries in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

A review of the Chicago Office file in this matter reflects the following undeveloped leads which have not received attention by your Office:

The report of Special Agent G. D. White, Los Angeles, California, dated 11/16/35, sets forth leads requesting investigation by your Office in an effort to locate William Elmer Mead, and for possible location of the fugitive subjects in this case at Pismo Beach, California.

The report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 12/20/35, requests that your Office check the number "Oldstone 5944 Ecva" found in the effects of C. J. Fitzgerald, it being indicated there was a possible connection with this number and Willie Harrison.

The letter from your Office dated 1/6/36, advised that Mrs. Vestburg at Long Beach, California, would be interviewed in connection with the personal history of the Barker family.

The report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 1/6/36, requested investigation by your Office in an effort to obtain information concerning the father of William Elmer Mead.

The report of Special Agent F. C. Dowart, San Francisco, California, dated 1/14/36, requested investigation at San Pedro, California, in an attempt to locate "Micky", acquaintance of Belle Born. It is suggested that this "Micky" was probably just a casual acquaintance of Belle Born, but it is believed that the matter should be given appropriate attention.

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A letter from the Oklahoma City Office to your Office dated 11/22/35, requested investigation in an effort to determine the identity of one Anna Dane.

The report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated 12/9/35, requested in addition to other investigation, an interview with Mrs. Katie Nyburger, 171 South Hoar Street, Los Angeles, California, relative to William Elmer Head.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LAUD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Tranton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Your attention is invited to the reports of Special Agent W. D. Mills, Tranton, New Jersey, dated 11/8/35 and 11/22/35, wherein leads are set forth for your office to conduct certain investigation in connection with William Weisman in an effort to obtain information concerning the present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis.

You are requested to give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Your attention is invited to a letter dated 11/6/35 addressed to Major J. H. MacBrien by the Bureau, a copy of which was furnished to you, requesting that your Office conduct an investigation at Montreal, Canada, and Eggleston, Maine, concerning William Elmer Head. The file in the Chicago Bureau Office does not reflect that this lead has been given attention by your Office.

Your attention is further called to the report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, Boston, Massachusetts, dated 12/20/35, wherein a lead is set forth for your Office to contact William C. Inman and Roger E. Hubbard for possible information regarding the identity of Dr. Joseph P. Moran. It is likewise requested that this lead be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 818  
Chicago Illinois

February 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Your attention is invited to the following undeveloped leads which should receive early attention by your Office:

The report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 12/16/35, requested investigation at Quaker City and Galena, Ohio, concerning the identity of George Benton, and further requested investigation be made at Fredericktown, Ohio, to ascertain the identity of E. M. Rowley.

A letter from the Cleveland Office to your Office dated 1/14/36, requested investigation at the Ohio State Penitentiary concerning one Tony Amersbach.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

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Special Agent in Charge  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Your attention is invited to the report of  
Special Agent L. G. Healey, Denver, Colorado, dated  
1/2/36, requesting that your Office interview one  
Ray Williamson concerning William Elmer Head. The  
Chicago Office desires to be advised at an early date  
of the result of the interview had with Mr. Williamson.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Your attention is invited to the letter addressed [redacted] dated 11/6/35, a copy of which was furnished to your Office, requesting investigation [redacted] in connection with the Bureau's efforts to locate William Elmer Mead. It is requested that this lead be given the appropriate attention at an early date.

Your attention is further invited to the report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated 1/3/36, requesting investigation at Jamestown, New York, relative to Pearl and Esther Rixter, and it is requested that you likewise give this lead the appropriate attention.

It is further requested that you advise the results of the recent inquiries made of Herbert Rudd concerning any further developments relative to Len Brock.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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INDICATE THEY ARE AGAIN RESUMING REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND ARE REOPENING

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PHONE. BREKID. AUTHORITY REQUESTED EXPEND APPROXIMATELY  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

February 6, 1936

Transmit the following message to: SAC, Cleveland

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia.  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge  
E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Illinois, January 27, 1936,  
addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, wherein  
it was requested that Police Departments of cities of 50,000 or more  
inhabitants be furnished with photographs and descriptive data  
of William E. Meade.

*Division of Investigation*  
You are advised that this has been done in all cities of  
this population in the territory covered by the Atlanta Office, namely  
Atlanta, Augusta, Macon and Savannah, Georgia. Each of these  
Police Departments was given one small photograph taken from the  
fingerprint card of Hampshire County Jail S. O., Northampton, Mass.,  
and the large photograph, numbered 5647, showing him in two poses,  
standing.

It is requested that four copies of each of the above  
photographs be furnished the Atlanta Bureau Office to replace those  
that have been sent away.

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Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

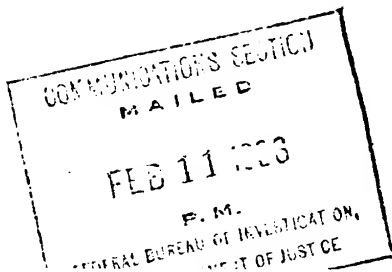
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of February 5, 1936, there are transmitted herewith four copies each of two photographs of William Elmer Meade, one being a small photograph which was taken from the fingerprint card of the Hampshire County Jail Sheriff's Office, Northampton, Massachusetts, and the other being a large full length photograph bearing No. 5647.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1091387



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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the Chicago file reflects that the following undeveloped leads require attention by your Office:

The report of Special Agent D. DiLillo, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated 11/14/35 requested a further interview with Frazier Reams relative to the possible location of Ernie LaSalle.

The report of Special Agent R. P. Burrus, Washington, D.C., dated 12/12/35, requested an interview with Mr. W. G. Harper, United States Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, relative to the statement that he has known William F. Fergus for the past ten years.

The report of Special Agent T. G. Melvin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 12/27/35, requested that your office secure more information, if possible, concerning "Peaches" Butler and the identity of the individual with whom she is supposed to be now living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee letter to the Chicago Office dated 12/27/35, a copy of which was furnished to your Office, suggested that your Office interview Edward Raymond Kilpatrick.

The report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated 12/31/35, requested investigation by your Office at Cleveland and Lakewood, Ohio, in an effort to obtain further information concerning William A. Fergus and his Roumanian companions.

Bureau letter dated 1/14/36 requested that you determine the identity of "Mile-A-Minute Kid" and conduct the necessary investigation to determine if he is in contact with William Elmer Head.

These matters should receive the earliest possible attention.

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Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/29, 30/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D.W. GLEASON.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information secured at Pampa, Texas, concerning R.R. Mackie, and no leads obtained relative to Mildred Campbell, Mrs. Gibson, or Eula Bee Campbell.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report Special Agent D.W. Gleason, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-15-36.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>David E. Cecil, Postmaster, Pampa, Texas, advised Agent that since the date of reference report, he has not received any information concerning R.R. Mackie, or any leads in connection with Mildred or Eula Bee Campbell or Mrs. Gibson. He informed Agent that since the date of Agent's last visit at Pampa, Eula Bee Campbell has been ill and absent from school for several days; that when he last talked to [redacted] the latter had received no additional information from Eula Bee about her father.</p> <p>Agent called upon [redacted] for the purpose of advising him that his continued assistance was desired. He advised Agent that [redacted] which is covered in reference report, he has received no information pertinent to this investigation. He will immediately convey any lead he receives to [redacted] or direct to the Dallas Bureau Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT Bureau.....3 Cincinnati...2 Cleveland...2 St. Paul....1 Chicago.....1 Dallas.....2		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">7 576 9403</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEB 8 1936</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 8 A.M. FEB 11 1936</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LM</p>	

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/5/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/3/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. C. MERTZ</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1218; ET AL; GEORGE EDWARD BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail addressed to C. G. Campbell, Midland, Texas, by S. J. Keating, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1-29-36, contained a request for employment. Campbell and his family personally unknown to Keating.			
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REFERENCE: Letter from El Paso Office dated Jan. 31, 1936.			
DETAILS: At FORT WORTH, TEXAS, Agent proceeded to the home of S. J. Keating, 3214 Pecan Street, and there interviewed Mrs. S. J. Keating, who, when Agent inquired as to the whereabouts of her husband, asked if Agent wished to see him relative to giving him employment. Thereafter, Mrs. Keating advised Agent that Mr. Keating could be located at the Texas and Pacific Oil and Production Company in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is presently employed as a laborer. At the Texas and Pacific Oil and Production Company, Agent contacted S. J. Keating, who, upon interview, stated that his letter addressed to Mr. C. G. Campbell at Midland, Texas, postmarked at Fort Worth, Texas, on January 29, 1936 at 4:00 p. m., contained a request for employment. In explanation, Keating stated that he has had very little employment in Fort Worth and has been interested in going to West Texas in order to work in the oil fields; that he recently contacted a Mr. Fleckenstein, Production Manager of the Texas and Pacific Oil and Production Company at Fort Worth, Texas, in an effort to obtain employment in West Texas with this company; that Mr. Fleckenstein advised him that in order to obtain employment in the West Texas oil fields with the Texas and Pacific Company, it would be best to first contact Mr. Campbell at Midland, Texas, and that Mr. Campbell would be able to advise him as to whether employment was available. Mr. Keating's letter addressed to C. G. Campbell was, therefore, written at the suggestion of Mr. Fleckenstein. Mr. Keating advised that he is unacquainted with Campbell or his family. <span style="float: right;">-- P E N D I N G --</span>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 6, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11/15/35, in which it is stated that a subsequent interview would be had with Billie Fitch relative to a contemplated trip she intended to take to South Coffeyville or Tulsa, Oklahoma, this contact with Billie Fitch being for the purpose of securing additional information concerning Harry Campbell. The Chicago Office files do not reflect that this additional contact was had with Billie Fitch.

By letter from the Chicago Office dated 12/22/35 you were requested to make a check of the recent activities of David G. McBride, friend of Charles J. Fitzgerald, and probable contact for Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Your Office has conducted some investigation in connection with McBride in determining his present residence. It is requested that a complete report concerning the recent activities of this individual be submitted at an early date.

The report of Special Agent V. I. Parry, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 11/30/35, sets forth information concerning the surveillance of the apartment of E. L. Pendleton, and certain other information obtained from an individual known as Informant [redacted]. It is requested that you advise this Office the results of subsequent contacts with this Informant, and likewise the report of Special Agent A. E. Farland, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/13/35, sets forth certain information obtained from a confidential informant which indicated that Karpis and Campbell were probably in the vicinity of Coffeyville, Kansas. The Chicago Office desires to be advised of the results of the recent contacts had with this Informant. b7d

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12/29/35, setting forth leads for investigation by your Office at Nevada, Missouri, and

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Wichita, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. Will you please advise this Office the results of the inquiries made at the above places. In connection with your investigation at Nevada, Missouri, in an effort to locate Milton Lett, you are requested to keep the Chicago Office promptly advised as to the results obtained from an investigation at that place.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 6, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to letter from this Office, dated January 25, 1936, addressed to Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, Florida, and concerning certain property obtained during the investigation of this case in Miami, Florida, and which is claimed by the Rolfe Armored Truck Service, Inc.

This Office is now in receipt of a letter from Mr. Gramling, advising that he has found that the articles in question are in the custody of the Deputy United States Marshal at Miami. He requests that this Office advise him whether it will be agreeable for the articles in question to be turned over to Mr. Rolfe.

I will appreciate the advice of the Bureau in this connection.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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*Adm. Nathan*

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March 11, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer,  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Pertaining to certain property which you state was obtained during the investigation of this case in Miami, Florida, which is now claimed by the Wolfe Armored Truck Service, Incorporated, it appears that the property to which you have reference concerns an automatic rifle or machine gun which had been left in the office of Earle R. Wolfe by Henry "Duke" Randall, who offered to sell this gun to Mr. Wolfe, as reflected in the letter from your office dated January 24, 1935.

A review of the file indicates that on January 23, 1935, Special Agent (A) R. L. Tollett furnished the Jacksonville Office with a memorandum containing information pertinent to this matter. Inasmuch as Henry "Duke" Randall was at that time employed as a guard at the Biscayne Kennel Club where he was engaged by Joseph Adams, it is desired that you ascertain from the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, whether this property, which is referred to in your letter of February 6, 1936, may be of any assistance in the prosecution of Joseph Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall, who are presently under indictment in Florida.

It further appears that Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Granling, Miami, Florida, has advised you that the articles in question are in the custody of the Deputy United States Marshal at Miami, Florida. In the absence of any additional descriptions furnished by you, I assume that the property to which you refer concerns the aforementioned rifle or machine gun, together with the four loaded clips and a wooden box, which is described and referred to in the letter from

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the Jacksonville Office dated January 24, 1935. It is requested that you immediately confer with Assistant United States Attorney Gresham and ascertain whether the articles herein described pertain to his inquiry and his recommendation as to the disposition thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 6, 1936.

Mr. George C. Campbell,  
818 South Rockford Ave.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

RE: BREKID  
Confiscated Ford Sedan,  
Motor No. 18-1190702

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter dated  
January 19, 1936, and reply from this Office, dated January  
23, 1936, I am forwarding herewith Certificate of Title  
#952564-A, dated April 11, 1935, and issued to the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation for Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHIAS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
February 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 9, 1935, page four, wherein reference is made to one George Dunn, with aliases.

For the assistance of this office in conducting future investigations as to this person, it is requested that four additional photographs of Dunn be obtained from the Kansas State Penitentiary and forwarded to the Little Rock office.

Very truly yours,

CHAPLON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 6, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: BREKID.  
Confiscated Ford Sedan,  
Motor No. 18-1190702

In compliance with Bureau letter dated January 29, 1936 (7-576) this Office is forwarding to Mr. George C. Campbell, 818 South Rockford Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Certificate of Title, issued in the name of the Bureau for Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702.

I did not execute any transfer of this Certificate of Title in the absence of instructions to do so.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Nathan*

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Cincinnati  
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Mr. Connelley, Chicago

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Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Recently you suggested that the time is propitious for [redacted] informant in this case,

Authority to incur the the necessary expense incident to such a trip was obtained from the Bureau, funds were furnished [redacted] and she is leaving, so she advises me, from Lake Charles, Louisiana by bus on Saturday, February 8th, for Chicago, and will arrive there Monday morning, where she says she will be in the Roosevelt Hotel and that she very likely will contact the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 6, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

On December 17, 1935 the St.Paul office submitted to the Bureau the fingerprints of ISABELLE BORN, paramour of Charles J. Fitzgerald.

It is requested that the fingerprints of Belle Born be compared with the latent prints developed in connection with this case, and that the Chicago, St.Paul, Cleveland and Cincinnati offices be advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

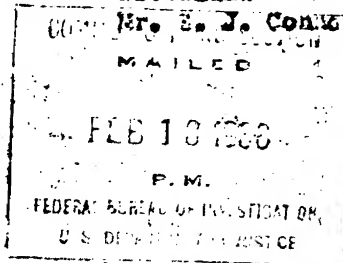
Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1936 requesting that the previously submitted fingerprints of Isabelle Barn be compared with the latent prints in the above entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of Isabelle Barn have been compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with this case, but no identification has been effected.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

cc-St. Paul  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 5, 1936

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES  
OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

RE: BREKID

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley advises that in connection with copies of reports to be submitted in the above entitled case, it is suggested that where, as is the usual practice, two copies of reports are indicated for Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Paul, it will not be necessary to show an additional copy for Mr. Connelley individually.

SWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-5-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-26--2-1-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Dwight Brantley</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1252; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Setting out in this report a log of surveillance maintained by Bureau Agents on residence of George Campbell, 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1-26-36 to 2-1-36. Virgil Stewart, Moore, Okla., claimed one Grady McMurtrey, residing Bristow, Oklahoma, informed him Campbell and Karpis visited McMurtrey 2 or 3 times a month; that one Mrs. Davis, Sapulpa, Okla., informed Stewart Campbell's sister makes trips from Tulsa to Bristow to contact her brother. Stewart pointed out residence of Mrs. Davis and was to contact Bureau Agents 2-1-36 to locate home of Grady McMurtrey, which he failed to do. Stewart's story checked and found to be untrue. Information furnished by former police officer, Tulsa, that Mabel Ward and Jewell Johnson of Tulsa are making trips to a point near Gentry, Ark., possibly to contact Harry Campbell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report SAC Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, 1-30-36.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Investigation as reflected by this report was conducted by Special Agents C. J. Endres, D. I. McCain and W. L. Buchanan, who have been and are maintaining a surveillance on the residence of George Campbell, father of Harry Campbell, residing at 818 South Rockford Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from January 26, 1936 to February 1, 1936, inclusive. These Agents are on special assignment in connection with this matter and maintained this surveillance from a house occupied by them at 820 South Rockford, Tulsa, which is next door to the home of the parents of Campbell.</p> <p>Special Agents J. V. Murphy and F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Office conducted investigation, as reflected in this report, concerning a certain story told by one Virgil Stewart, Route #1, Moore, Oklahoma, which, as is shown, is untrue.</p>			
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Information was furnished Special Agent S. E. Dennis of this office by Henry P. Chase, former police officer of Tulsa, as reflected herein.

Henry P. Chase, 29 North Gillette Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone number 3-8456, contacted Special Agent S. E. Dennis in Tulsa and advised him that he was formerly connected with the Tulsa Police Department, and that recently a taxicab driver informant of his told him that Mabel Ward and Jewell Johnson, wanted the informant to drive them to Arkansas, Friday night, January 4, 1936; that the informant refused and referred them to another cab driver, who drove them to Gentry, Arkansas, or near there, that night. Chase advised that Mabel Ward is the wife of Buck Ward, a bootlegger in Tulsa, and that Jewell Johnson is the widow of Gene Johnson, who was killed in Arkansas about two years ago by officers, and that she is a friend of Harry Campbell; that she used to go with Campbell before she married Johnson, and has gone with him since the death of her husband. It is the opinion of Chase that Jewell Johnson may be contacting Campbell.

A short time after the aforesaid interview with Chase, he informed Agent Dennis that he has since learned from his informant, considered by him to be reliable, that Whitey Falkner, a driver for the Acme Cab Company, Tulsa, drove these women within a short distance north of Gentry, Arkansas, on the date indicated, but they did not return with him. Chase's informant advised him that these women have made this trip several times in the past. Chase also advised that the father of Tom Carpenter, the latter an outlaw, is said to have a farm near Gentry, Arkansas and this place may have been their destination. According to information furnished by Chase, Jewell Johnson is said to reside with her parents, whose name is Shimpoe, residing at 102 North Union Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In a letter from the Denver Office, dated January 27, 1936 in this matter, it is observed that one Collins Freeman furnished information to the effect that Karpis and Campbell may be frequenting the place of Red Tubbs near Sallisaw, Oklahoma. The writer was in the Denver Office at the time that this individual appeared there and was interviewed by R. H. Groff; in fact, the writer questioned Collins to some extent, and the impression gained by him is that he is absolutely unreliable, and that no statement made by him is worthy of belief. Freeman admitted that he had been in the Penitentiary in Oklahoma on one occasion, and he was specifically asked whether he had served other terms, and his reply was in the negative. The criminal record of Freeman was obtained from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and is as follows: b7c

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The information furnished by Freeman is being checked.

On January 11, 1936 Mr. Osborn of the Secret Service, United States Treasury Department, Oklahoma City, informed that he had a man in his office who might have some information concerning Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis. The writer went to Mr. Osborn's office in the Federal Building, Oklahoma City, and was introduced to an individual by the name of Virgil Stewart, who gave his address as Route #1, Moore, Oklahoma, stating that he is a trucker formerly residing at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Osborn informed the writer that Stewart had furnished reliable information to his service, which resulted in the development of a counterfeiting case.

Virgil Stewart stated he knew Grady McMurtrey, an outlaw of Oklahoma who formerly resided at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but who is now residing at Bristow; that McMurtrey knows Harry Campbell, but he, Stewart, does not know whether McMurtrey is acquainted with Alvin Karpis. Stewart stated that a few days ago he was at Bristow talking with McMurtrey, and McMurtrey told him that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis are coming into his place two or three times a month from Kansas City, but did not mention any particular reason why they would be coming, except that McMurtrey knew Campbell years ago in Tulsa. Stewart stated that McMurtrey is a tough character, will not talk, and of course will not be a party who will furnish information concerning anyone wanted by law enforcement officers.

Stewart made a statement during the course of the conversation with him, which indicated to the writer that he is a monumental liar. This statement was to the effect that he had worked with Agent Birch, formerly of the Oklahoma City Bureau office, in connection with efforts to apprehend "Blackie" Thompson, and that he, Stewart, had furnished Agent Birch with information which had resulted in the apprehension of "Blackie" Thompson at Amarillo, Texas. This, of course, is untrue, as there was another individual at Amarillo, Texas who furnished this information.

Stewart desired to know if there was anything in it for him if he furnished information which would lead to the apprehension of Campbell or Karpis, or both of them. The writer, of course, informed him he would be remunerated satisfactorily if he furnished such information to agents of this office which resulted in the apprehension of either of these individuals, or both of them, by this Bureau. He stated he could perhaps develop further information by going to Bristow.

It is the candid opinion of the writer that Stewart can be of no service of value in this case, but will be given an opportunity to demonstrate what he can do.

On January 31, 1936 Virgil Stewart came to the Oklahoma City office, and stated that one of the automobiles used by Harry Campbell, a DeSoto

Sedan, about 1935 model, was out in the country near Bristow on January 30, 1936 at the home of Grady McMurtrey; that Campbell's sister, name unknown, was supposed to have left Tulsa on January 31, 1936 or February 1, 1936 to go to McMurtrey's place, presumably for the purpose of contacting her brother, Harry Campbell.

Upon questioning Virgil Stewart as to details in the manner in which he obtained this information, he admitted to the writer that he had no information of his own knowledge; that this information was obtained by him through a Mrs. Davis, who lives at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and whose husband is now serving a life sentence in Oklahoma State Penitentiary in connection with the harboring of fugitives at his home, which resulted in the death of the Chief of Police at Sapulpa and several other officers.

Stewart stated that he had seen this DeSoto Sedan or Coach, the model of which he was not sure, in a barn at Grady McMurtrey's home south and east of Bristow; that he did not have an opportunity to closely observe this automobile, other than to notice it was painted a battleship gray or lead color. He stated he was unable to examine the license on this automobile without exciting the suspicion of Grady McMurtrey.

Stewart admitted to the writer in the presence of Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. V. Murphy that all of his information was hearsay relative to Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis. However, he did claim that he had seen a DeSoto automobile at McMurtrey's place, which he understood was one that Campbell had been using. Stewart also stated that he had heard that Harry Campbell was visiting a woman who resided at the west end of Henryetta, Oklahoma on the main highway, and who worked as a janitor at the glass plant. He stated he had no definite knowledge concerning this.

Virgil Stewart agreed to proceed to Sapulpa, Bristow and Henryetta, Oklahoma with Agents Smith and Murphy, and point out to them the location of the home of Mrs. Davis, the location of the residence of Grady McMurtrey, and the location of the woman, name unknown, residing at the west end of Henryetta on the highway.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. V. Murphy.

Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. V. Murphy, upon agreement with Virgil Stewart, proceeded to Sapulpa, Oklahoma to meet Virgil Stewart at the Lindberg Cafe, Virgil Stewart driving his Buick platform truck. Agents Smith and Murphy proceeded to Sapulpa, arriving there at 9:30 P. M., and as agreed, Virgil Stewart met these agents at the Lindberg Cafe at 10:00 P. M. Agents Smith and Murphy with Virgil Stewart proceeded to about

one and one-half miles east of Sapulpa on U. S. highway #66 to the W. U. Tourist Camp. Virgil Stewart indicated to agents, by pointing in the direction north from the W. U. Tourist Camp, a house in which lights were burning, about one-quarter of a mile north of this tourist camp, stating that was where Mrs. Davis resided, and he had stayed at the home of Mrs. Davis on several occasions; that Mrs. Davis had harbored criminals at different times, and she would not divulge any information concerning Harry Campbell or anyone else, if interviewed by an officer; that she informed him that Harry Campbell was supposed to be going to the home of Grady McMurtrey, and that Harry Campbell's sister, name unknown to Stewart, and who is supposed to work in a cafe in Tulsa, has been making trips to the home of McMurtrey for the purpose of contacting her brother.

After pointing out to agents the alleged location of the house of Mrs. Davis, Virgil Stewart informed Agents Smith and Murphy that while en-route from Oklahoma City to Sapulpa the night of January 31, 1936, before contacting agents at the Lindberg Cafe, he had stopped in Bristow, and upon inquiry learned that Grady McMurtrey was not at home, but was supposed to be visiting with his father, first name unknown, who resides in the flats north of the refineries in West Tulsa.

Virgil Stewart was requested to accompany agents, and point out the home of the father of Grady McMurtrey in West Tulsa, north of the oil refineries, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were any automobiles in the vicinity of the home of Grady McMurtrey, particularly a DeSota battle-ship gray Sedan or Coach. Agents, with Virgil Stewart, proceeded on highway #66 to West Tulsa, turned north at the school house, crossed the Frisco railroad tracks, and proceeded out a dirt road about one mile and one-half from the Main Street of West Tulsa, and opposite the plant of the Gulf States Pipe Line Company, Virgil Stewart indicated to agents a small frame cottage or shack on the corner, stating that is the home of Grady McMurtrey's father. This place was observed by agents passing there several times, and it was noticed there were no lights burning in this house and no automobiles around same. There was no mail box in that vicinity with a name on it which would indicate to agents the person residing there.

Agents then left that vicinity with Virgil Stewart to proceed to Bristow, and upon arrival at Sapulpa, Virgil Stewart informed agents that it would be impossible for him to point out to them at night the location of the home of Grady McMurtrey, as it was located in a section of the country that could not be seen from the road. He stated that he desired agents to wait until the following day, and he would be in a better position to point out the home of Grady McMurtrey, south and east of Bristow, in the daytime; that he desired to stay that night at the home of Mrs. Davis, and would endeavor to obtain from her the name of Campbell's sister, who Stewart alleges has been visiting on various occasions at the home of Grady McMurtrey for

the purpose of contacting her brother, Harry Campbell. Agents then informed Stewart that they would meet him at any place he desired the following morning, for the purpose of proceeding to Bristow and locating the home of Grady McMurtrey. Stewart stated it would be better for him to meet agents at the Frisco Depot in Bristow, as he is not known around that locality. He agreed to meet agents at the Frisco Depot at 10:00 A. M. the morning of February 1, 1936.

On the morning of February 1, 1936 Special Agents F. S. Smith and J. V. Murphy proceeded to the Frisco Depot at Bristow, Oklahoma, and remained there from 9:00 A. M. until 11:00 A. M. but Virgil Stewart did not appear. On account of Stewart's failure to meet agents at Bristow as agreed, agents then proceeded to Sapulpa, Oklahoma for the purpose of checking the alleged location of the home of Mrs. Davis.

Discreet inquiry was made of the proprietor of the W. U. Tourist Camp, one and one-half miles east of Sapulpa on highway #66, relative to the location of the home of a man by the name of Davis, who had harbored some bank robbers, and as a result the Chief of Police of Sapulpa and several officers were killed there while endeavoring to apprehend them. The proprietor pointed out to agents a white frame house located about one-half mile farther west and about one-half mile farther north than the location pointed out by Davis. The proprietor of the W. U. Tourist Camp is of the opinion that this house is now vacant.

Agents then proceeded to the Texaco Filling Station, about five hundred yards from the W. U. Tourist Camp, where a discreet inquiry was made of the attendant concerning the location of the house of Mrs. Davis. This attendant pointed out to agents the same white house as indicated by the proprietor of the W. U. Tourist Camp. He stated that shortly after the Chief of Police and other officers, as well as some outlaws, were killed at this location during a gun battle, and the sentencing of Davis to a life sentence in Oklahoma State Penitentiary, Mrs. Davis and children moved from that location; that she is said to have gone to Texas, and that the house was rented until about one month ago, but was vacated, and has been empty since that time.

From the above information obtained from the proprietor of the W. U. Tourist Camp and the attendant of the Texaco Filling Station just east of Sapulpa, it indicated to agents that Virgil Stewart was lying, and that he was endeavoring to avoid agents after having pointed out the locality of Mrs. Davis' home, by his request to meet agents the following day in Bristow, Oklahoma and his failure to meet them as agreed.

Agents Smith and Murphy then proceeded to Bristow, Oklahoma, where Earnest E. Spriggs, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed relative to

whether there is a patrol of that Post Office by the name of Grady McMurtrey receiving mail on a rural route, or through General Delivery or city carrier. Mr. Spriggs stated that he checked the five rural routes handled out of the Bristow, Oklahoma Post Office, and could find no record of a Grady McMurtrey on any of them. He stated he did have a record on city carrier #1 showing that on June 13, 1935 a change of address was filed requesting the mail of Grady McMurtrey and Cora McMurtrey, 703 S. Main Street, Bristow, to be forwarded to Route #2, Box 107, Seminole, Oklahoma. Mr. Spriggs stated that he formerly worked out of the Seminole Post Office, and is acquainted with the location of Box 107, Route #2. He stated that this is Murphy's Store, and many people receive their mail at that address.

Agents Smith and Murphy proceeded to Seminole, where E. C. Mason, Assistant Postmaster at Seminole, was contacted. He stated, after checking his records, that there is no record of Grady McMurtrey or Cora McMurtrey receiving mail on Route #2, Box 107. Upon making inquiry of the General Delivery clerk, Mr. Mason stated the General Delivery clerk informed him that the McMurtrey family get their mail at the General Delivery window, and call at the General Delivery window for mail once or twice every day. The clerk on duty stated he could not recall what members of the McMurtrey family received mail through General Delivery.

Jake Simms, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, was discreetly interviewed to ascertain whether he is acquainted with Grady McMurtrey. After he had made inquiry by telephone of several of the oil companies operating in and around Seminole, he stated he is unable to obtain any information regarding Grady McMurtrey and his present location.

Agent Murphy proceeded to Murphy Brothers Store located on the Carter Oil Company lease, one and one-half miles north and east of Seminole on Route #2. Upon casual inquiry of one of the clerks of this store, it was ascertained that Grady McMurtrey had been receiving his mail through that store, but had not received mail there in the past two or three weeks.

It is evident from the information obtained, as stated above, that Virgil Stewart has no information at all concerning Harry Campbell, or any of his contacts or associates, and that he can be of no service of value in this case.

January 26, 1936.

12:15 A.M. Man in old Pontiac sedan leaves driving south. McCain and Buchanan.  
 12:30 A.M. Laura returns home in family car. McCain and Buchanan.  
 12:45 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell and Pearl retire. McCain and Buchanan.  
 3:15 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan arrives. Buchanan and Endres.  
 6:00 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan drives south. Endres and Buchanan.  
 9:07 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan returns. Endres.  
 11:08 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan drives south. Endres.  
 11:30 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell and Pearl retire. Endres.

(S) C. J. Endres,  
 W. L. Buchanan,  
 Daniel I. McCain,  
 Special Agents.

January 27, 1936.

8:03 A.M. Pearl and son walk north. McCain.  
 1:20 P.M. Edith arrives in 1936 Ford Coupe. Endres and Buchanan.  
 1:30 P.M. Edith drives south in 1936 Ford Coupe. Buchanan and Endres.  
 3:20 P.M. Pearl's son returns. Buchanan and Endres.  
 6:30 P.M. Pearl returns home. Endres and Buchanan.  
 9:30 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan arrives. Endres.  
 11:17 P.M. Man in old Dodge sedan drives north. Endres.  
 11:30 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell and Pearl retire. Endres.

(S) C. J. Endres,  
 W. L. Buchanan,  
 Daniel I. McCain,  
 Special Agents.

January 28, 1936.

8:16 A.M. Pearl and son walk north. McCain.  
 12:20 P.M. Jacobs arrives in Acme taxicab. McCain, Buchanan and Endres.  
 12:30 P.M. Jacobs drives south in Laura's Plymouth sedan. Buchanan, Endres and McCain.



3:25 P.M. Pearl's son returns home, walking from the north.  
Buchanan and Endres.  
6:25 P.M. Pearl returns home in taxicab. Endres and Buchanan.  
11:10 P.M. Jacobs returns Laura's Plymouth sedan and is picked up  
by a large sedan, make and license number unascertain-  
able.  
11:20 P.M. Pearl retires. Endres.

(S) C. J. Endres,  
W. L. Buchanan,  
Daniel I. McCain,  
Special Agents.

January 29, 1936.

12:30 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell retire. All lights out in house.  
McCain and Buchanan.  
8:14 A.M. Pearl and son walk north. McCain.  
1:30 P.M. Two men arrive in cream colored Cord Sedan, 1935 Okla.  
license 416-003. The men are described as follows: #1,  
age about 35, 5' 8", 165-170 lbs., complexion ruddy, wear-  
ing leather jacket, medium large white hat, and dark  
trousers. #2, age about 32, 5' 9", 150 lbs., neatly  
dressed, dark hat, dark blue overcoat. Buchanan and  
Endres.  
1:40 P.M. The above two men drive south. 1935 Okla. license is reg-  
istered to J. W. Pearson, 216 Hazel Blv'd., Tulsa, Okla.,  
on 1930 convertible Cord Sedan. Endres and Buchanan.  
2:35 P.M. Jacobs arrives in old model Ford truck driven by another  
man. Endres and Buchanan.  
2:40 P.M. Jacobs drives south in Laura's Plymouth Sedan. Buchanan and  
Endres.  
3:15 P.M. Pearl's son returns home. Buchanan and Endres.  
6:20 P.M. Pearl returns home. Endres and Buchanan.  
11:10 P.M. Pearl retires. Endres.  
11:20 P.M. Jacobs returns Laura's Plymouth sedan and then was picked up  
by a taxicab which proceeded north. Endres.  
11:50 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell retire. McCain and Buchanan.

(S) C. J. Endres,  
W. L. Buchanan,  
Daniel I. McCain,  
Special Agents.



January 30, 1936.

8:17 A.M. Pearl and son walk north. McCain.  
 11:50 A.M. Laura drives south in the Plymouth sedan. Buchanan and Endres.  
 3:20 P.M. Pearl's son returns home. Endres and Buchanan.  
 6:20 P.M. Pearl returns home. Buchanan and Endres.  
 10:30 P.M. Pearl retires. Endres.

(S) C. J. Endres,  
 W. L. Buchanan,  
 Daniel I. McCain,  
 Special Agents.

January 31, 1936.

12:30 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell retire. McCain and Buchanan.  
 1:50 A.M. Laura returns home in Plymouth sedan. Buchanan and McCain.  
 8:15 A.M. Pearl and son walk north. McCain and Buchanan.  
 2:15 P.M. Laura departs in family car. Buchanan & Endres.  
 3:20 P.M. Pearl's son returns. Buchanan & Endres.  
 6:05 P.M. Pearl returns. Buchanan & Endres.  
 11:40 P.M. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell and Pearl retire. Buchanan & Endres.

(S) W. L. Buchanan,  
 Daniel I. McCain,  
 C. J. Endres,  
 Special Agents.

February 1, 1936.

1:00 A.M. Laura returns home. Buchanan & McCain.  
 8:10 A.M. Pearl & son leave. Buchanan & McCain.  
 8:28 A.M. A young man entered the Campbell home walking from north, and is described as follows: About 25 years old, 5 ft. 9 in. tall, 145 lbs., wearing a dark overcoat with collar turned up, small dark hat, and gray spats. This man stayed in house about twenty minutes and departed, walking north. Agents Buchanan & Endres scouted the neighborhood in an effort to get a better look at him, but were unable to locate him.  
 9:10 A.M. Orchard dairy truck delivered one qt. of milk. Buchanan & McCain.  
 10:00 A.M. Sears Dept. Store delivers a suit box to the Campbell home. Buchanan & Endres.  
 1:45 P.M. Laura and Mrs. Campbell depart in car. Buchanan & Endres.  
 2:10 P.M. Pearl's son returns. Buchanan & Endres.

3:45 P.M. Laura & Mrs. Campbell return with groceries. Buchanan  
& Endres.  
6:20 P.M. Laura walks south. Buchanan & Endres.  
9:40 P.M. Pearl returns home with man in old Pontiac sedan. Buchanan  
& Endres.

(S) W. L. Buchanan,  
C. J. Endres,  
Daniel I. McCain,  
Special Agents.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE is requested to make appropriate inquiry in the vicinity of Gentry, Arkansas, with the view to ascertaining who Jewell Johnson and her companion may be visiting there.

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CHAS. S. GORDON

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 7, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the request contained in the report of  
Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Kansas City, February 4, 1936, that a  
description of Milton Lett be furnished, please be advised that the fol-  
lowing appears to be the best description available at this time of this  
individuals

Age - 21 (looks 24 or 25)  
Height - 5' 7"  
Weight - 143 pounds  
Hair - dark chestnut  
Eyes - blue  
Residence - Wann, Oklahoma  
Has a negroid appearance.

Very truly yours,

DEIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BRYKID

Review of the Chicago office file in this case reveals the following undeveloped leads in your district, which should receive attention by your office:

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio dated December 16, 1935 sets forth a lead for investigation by your office at Sapulpa, Oklahoma to determine the identity of one H. C. Smith. This investigation should be conducted with a view of determining whether this woman has any connection with Milton Lett, whose location is presently sought by the Bureau.

Letter from the Chicago office dated December 19, 1935 requested that you submit serial numbers of three .45 Colt automatics to the Chief Ordnance, United States Army, Washington, D.C. The recovery of these guns is reported in report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated November 25, 1935. You are requested to advise of the results of your inquiry in connection with this matter.

Letter dated December 18, 1935 addressed to the Jacksonville office, a copy of which was furnished to you, set forth certain addresses which were found in the effects of Charles J. Fitzgerald at Los Angeles, California, and it is requested that you advise this office whether any of the addresses or notations noted could be identified as applying to addresses or persons in your district.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

February 7th, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

As requested in your letter of February 3rd, 1936, there have been prepared at this Office photostatic copies of Government Exhibits Nos. 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 84, 85, 86, 121, 122, 123 and 124, and I am enclosing herewith the photostatic copies together with the original exhibits.

For your information, I desire to advise that a duplicate set of photostats has been prepared and is being retained in the files of the Chicago Bureau Office. These duplicates have been signed and dated by Photographer L. G. Rose in order that he may later testify concerning the preparation of these photostats in the event same is necessary.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
FEBRUARY 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the letter dated December 18, 1935, from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley to the Omaha Bureau Office, and to the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, Nebraska, dated January 27, 1936, regarding one Elmer Stone, who may possibly be identical with Gus Stone, an alleged associate of the Barker-Karpis gang.

On February 6, 1936, Special Agent W. E. Hopton, of this office, located Mrs. Ernest Grube (not Grubb), at 3102 Ford Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Grube stated that she is a daughter of Almon Stone (not Elmer), who is presently residing on a farm near Fritcoe, Missouri. She furnished a snapshot of her father taken three or four years ago and advised that with the exception of an old photograph taken many years ago she has no other likeness of him. In this connection, she requested that the snapshot be returned to her as soon as it has served its purpose.

This snapshot is being transmitted herewith in order that it may, as requested in reference letter, be exhibited to Arthur Johnson, alias "Red" Price, who is presently confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado. Mrs. Grube described her father as follows:

Age	About 50
Height	5' 6"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Turning gray.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, New York City, dated December 31, 1935 wherein leads are set forth for investigation by your office at Hartford and Torrington, Connecticut, for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the present whereabouts of William Elmer Wood.

It is requested that your office give these leads early attention.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 612  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 6, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the Chicago Bureau office file in this case reveals the following undeveloped leads which have not received attention by your office:

Report of Special Agent E. P. Ellwood, Omaha, Nebraska dated December 10, 1935 sets forth a lead for your office to conduct investigation at Horton, Iowa in an effort to trace the 410 gauge Pump Shotgun, Model 42, Serial 3489.

Report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri dated December 11, 1935 requests investigation at Scottsbluff, Nebraska to determine if there is any connection between ALICE SMITH or A. M. SMITH and Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

February 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Recent review of this file has reflected that Joe C. Howard, or J. C. Howard, was arrested on June 10, 1931, by the Police Department at Okmulgee, Oklahoma along with Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Sam Coker for participation in the robbery of a jewelry store at Henrietta, Oklahoma. The file reflects further that this individual is identified through Tulsa, Oklahoma Police photograph No. 7916, and through Kansas City, Kansas Police photograph No. 1451.

It does not appear that this man has ever been interviewed or that any effort has been made to locate him for interview as to possible knowledge on his part concerning Karpis.

In view of the recent information originating from post office inspectors at Cleveland, Ohio to the effect that Sam Coker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Milton Lett were possibly involved jointly in a mail robbery which took place on November 7, 1935, at Garrettsville, Ohio, it is believed that Howard, because of his prior association with Karpis and Coker, is a likely running mate for Karpis and Campbell at the present time.

It is desired that intensive investigation be initiated by the Oklahoma City and the Kansas City Bureau offices in order to determine the full identity, location and activities of J.C. Howard, as it is believed possible that he has resumed association with Karpis.

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Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge INVESTIGATION

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

February 8th, 1936

Hon. Michael L. Igoe  
United States Attorney  
United States Court House  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Att: R. P. Drymalaki, Assistant  
United States Attorney

In reply to your telephonic inquiry concerning Ford Sedan bearing Illinois, 1934, license plates 1-266-231, which was the subject of inquiry made by Attorney John DeCourcy of Saint Paul, Minnesota, I desire to advise that this is a 1934 Ford Sedan, Motor #1130843, and was seized on January 8th, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois. On February 19th, 1935, Court Order was issued in Federal Court at Chicago, Illinois, turning this automobile over to this Bureau.

Subsequent to this, petition was filed in Federal Court at Chicago, Illinois, in behalf of Mrs. Clara Gibson, and on December 2nd, 1935, there was an Order entered before Federal Judge Woodward in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, ordering that this automobile be returned to Mrs. Clara Gibson as the true owner. In accordance with this Court Order this car was turned over to Attorney Leo Klein in behalf of Mrs. Clara Gibson.

I trust that the above information will be sufficient for you to answer the query received from Attorney DeCourcy.

Very truly yours,

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHIC GO., ILLINOIS

February 8, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREYER

A review of the Chicago office file in this case reveals the following undeveloped leads which have not received attention by your office:

Report of Special Agent J. A. Mohan, Indianapolis, Indiana dated December 30, 1935 requested your office to conduct investigation at the various race tracks in New Orleans in an effort to obtain information regarding William Elmer Head. The report of Special Agent J. J. Mohan, Indianapolis, Indiana January 3, 1936 likewise requested investigation at race tracks at New Orleans, and in addition requested that your office conduct an investigation to obtain information concerning one Harry Fisher, an alleged associate of William Elmer Head.

Report of Special Agent C. W. Toulme, New Orleans, La. dated January 3, 1936 sets forth a lead for your office to exhibit photographs of the subjects in this case at Pass Christian, Mississippi in an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual claiming to be a brother of Gladys Sawyer. It is felt that this lead is important, inasmuch as it is possible that the fugitive subjects in this case may have been in contact with Sawyer at Pass Christian, Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles, California  
February 4, 1936.

Mr. Thadous Davis,  
Chief Parole-Probation Officer,  
U. S. Probation System,  
Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

Your communication of January 27, 1936, regarding Mack A. Hinson, who claimed to have information regarding Alvin Karpis, has been received and same will receive appropriate attention by this office.

Thanking you kindly for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
Re: BREKID

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1331 First National Bank Building

El Paso, Texas

February 5, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
P. O. Box 812,  
Chicago, Ill.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter of January 27, 1936, addressed to this office concerning C. G. (Jack) Campbell of Midland, Texas, which has not heretofore had my attention on account of illness.

You request further active aggressive investigation of C. G. (Jack) Campbell at Midland and I thoroughly agree with you as to the desirability of such action; however, I have to state that such investigation positively could not be handled by the El Paso office with the limited personnel now assigned here. The active investigative force of this office consists of the writer, Agent R. C. Walker and Agent J. A. Street, the latter having been on sick leave and is now on annual leave which may last more or less indefinitely on account of his physical condition.

To make any sort of satisfactory investigation of C. G. Campbell, as stated in my teletype to you of December 30, 1935, is going to require the undivided attention of at least two agents. Owing to the position held by C. G. Campbell with the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company he would be in a favorable position to afford cover for his brother as an employee of that company at some one of their numerous properties over which he has supervision and which probably, according to my understanding, are located in various localities from Fort Worth, Texas, westward to El Paso, Texas, and perhaps at other localities. It seems to me that a close surveillance of C. G. Campbell is just as important, if not more so, than the present surveillance being conducted with respect to G. J. Fitzgerald, and in my opinion such surveillance would be more likely to develop information leading to the present whereabouts of Harry Campbell than any other step which might feasibly be taken at the present time.

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It will be recalled that Agent Walker, in his report of January 6, 1936, establishes the presence of an unknown individual residing at that time at the home of C. G. Campbell at Midland, and whose identity has not

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yet been established. It seems to me that this is an item which should have specific attention.

It appears from the report of Agent Falkner above referred to that Campbell is away from Midland most of the time and it would seem pertinent to ascertain the extent of his travels during such absences, even should it be necessary to put a tail on him.

It is further suggested that it would be wise for the Dallas office to confidentially ascertain from the management or directing head of the Texas and Pacific Gas and Oil Company the location and extent of their various active operations where men are employed in various capacities in order that discreet check might be made of individuals so employed. My understanding is that the headquarters of the Texas and Pacific Oil and Gas Company are at Fort Worth, Texas, although I am not positive in this regard. As before stated, the only agents on active duty at this office are the writer and Agent Falkner and it will be readily seen that we can not devote any appreciable amount of time to this investigation, as the routine run of business at this office requires our entire attention.

I am furnishing a copy of this letter to the Dallas office for their information.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO

PHONE. BREKID. IN CONNECTION WITH SURVEILLANCE HERE, PARTY DID NOT  
LEAVE THIS MORNING AS WAS EXPECTED. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN  
FITZGERALD AND HALEY TODAY REVEAL THAT THEY PLAN TO DEPART AT ELEVEN  
THIRTY AM TOMORROW, THE SIXTH, BEING ACCOMPANIED BY A MR. ARCHER.  
INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE TRIP IN HALEY'S AUTOMOBILE.

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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
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Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 7, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir,

RE: BREKID

In connection with possible investigation and surveillance in this case, also as to the kidnaping of William A. Hamm, Jr., it is desired that the photograph of Jack Pfeiffer alias Jack Reiffer, Milwaukee Police Department No. 19290, be secured and forwarded to the Chicago Bureau Office in order that an appropriate number of copies might be made and supplied to interested offices.

Kindly expedite this matter.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California.  
February 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

There are attached hereto two copies each of the logs covering the surveillance from the Greystone and Victoria Apartments of G. J. Fitzgerald and Imogene Robertson, which logs cover the dates from January 27, 1936, to February 3, 1936, and from January 28 to February 3, 1936, respectively.

Three copies of each of these logs are being attached to the Bureau copy of this letter and one copy of each for the St. Paul and Cincinnati offices.

It will be noted from the logs that all of the contacts made by these parties have been of a social nature or have pertained to the oil negotiations which are being carried on by Fitzgerald, T. J. Haley and Arthur F. Shafer, who is the father of Imogene Robertson.

Your attention is called to Page 5 of the log of the Greystone Apartments, where at 1:18 P. M., it is recorded that information had been secured through Mr. DOBSON of the Bank of America that Imogene Robertson had closed her account at that bank. In this connection Mr. Dobson further advised me that Fitzgerald has a balance of one thousand dollars in his account at the bank at the present time.

You will further note from the logs that Fitzgerald and Haley have been planning for several days to make another trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico. The latest information available in connection with this matter is that they will depart from Los Angeles about noon on February 6, 1936. You will, of course, be advised by teletype regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Cincinnati

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LOG COVERING SURVEILLANCE OF C. J. FITZGERALD AND IMOGENE ROBERTSON FROM THE GREYSTONE APARTMENTS, January 27, 1936 to February 3, 1936 inclusive.

1-27-36

Special Agents J. S. Bugas and W. H. Osborne on duty.

12:00 N. Radio from Victoria tells of Jean's conversation with her father

(See Victoria Log for details.)

12:10 PM Jean calls Foster

3:00 PM Foster leaves the Benjamin Franklin and goes to the Victoria.

6:00 PM Special Agent Wright on duty - Special Agent W. H. Osborne off duty.

6:16 PM Jean and Foster left in Chevrolet - Wright and Bugas on tail.  
On this trip Foster and Jean went to the Glendale dancing school, then to Hotel California Bar for dinner, Brand Blvd., Glendale, California.

10:30 PM Jean and Foster returned home to Victoria.

11:15 PM Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin.

1-28-36

9:30 AM Special Agents Wright and Bugas on duty.

10:20 AM Jean went to Mildred's alone. (according to phone calls made and received over the radio)

11:30 AM Whitson called that Foster and Haley were in Foster's apartment.

12:00 N. Haley left Foster's apartment. Message received from Whitson by phone.

6:00 PM Bugas off duty and Osborne on duty. McGuire says Foster is going to dinner alone at Lucca's. Jean in garage with Chevrolet.

6:45 PM Agent McGuire says Foster and Mrs. Robertson are going out to dinner at Nikabob at 7:00 PM.

7:00 PM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and went to the Victoria.

7:15 PM Foster and Mrs. Robertson out to Nikabob. Agents Osborne and Wright

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9:10 PM Foster and Mrs. Robertson return to the Victoria.

1-29-36

12:10 PM Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin. b7c

12:10 PM Special Agents Osborne and Wright on duty. Jean called by Foster and

2:10 PM Jean called the market -

2:30 PM McGuire radioed that Shafer called Jean

3:00 PM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and went over to the Victoria.

4:40 PM Jean called the Benjamin Franklin for several bottles of fizz water. Water was to be brought over by the janitor from room #603. Jean also spoke to Mrs. Bear who is coming over with Haley. They are going out together tonight around 7 PM.

7:30 PM Leckie calls over and informs of Haley's 1936 license numbers: California - "2W 9715". Osborne calls Culberson in Benjamin Franklin and ask him to contact clerk there and have latter be sure to notify Culberson if any luggage comes down out of #603.

8:00 PM Foster, Jean, Mrs. Robertson, Haley and his woman left in Haley's car for dinner.

9:40 PM All of above returned to Victoria and all seemed intoxicated.

11:10 PM Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin alone. Haley and his friend having gone over just a few minutes prior to Foster.

1-30-36

Agents Osborne and Bugas on duty.

10:15 AM Received over the radio: Jean and Libby are going calling this after-

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noon and expect to visit Mildred, the twins (Charlotte and Catherine) and Mickey. Jean then called Mickey and stated she would have to return from this trip before 6:00 PM in order to check up on Foster.

10:25 AM

Information concerning [redacted] was immediately relayed to the Los Angeles Bureau Office by means of telephone by Agent Osborne.

Los Angeles, Calif.  
January 31, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

Inspector Dobson of the Bank of America N. T. & S. A. advised on January 31, 1936 that Jean was at the bank on January 30, 1936; that she withdrew the sum of \$500.00 in cash and stated that the old man, meaning J. C. Foster, was going to Carlsbad in a few days on an oil deal.

(s) J. F. Hynes  
Special Agent

10:30 AM - Jean was seen leaving the Victoria in the Chevrolet - alone.

5:20 PM Jean returned to the Victoria.

5:25 PM Received over the radio: Jean called Foster in the Benjamin Franklin and Foster stated that he would be over to the Victoria soon.

5:35 PM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and went in the Victoria.

6:00 PM Wright on duty, Osborne off.

9:00 PM Jean and Foster left the Victoria in the Chevrolet going to Mildred's, 700 Block on Whittier Blvd., Beverly Hills, California. Office called and advised of the difficulty of covering this location without detection and instructions received to return to the Greystone Apartment. Wright and Bugas returned to the Greystone. (This is Mildred Morgan who is friend of Jean's)

1-31-36

1:30 AM Jean and Foster returned. Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin after sitting in the car for some time.

2:30 PM Jean and Mildred in the Benjamin Franklin to visit Foster. (Officer called) possible quarrel between Jean and Foster.

4:20 PM Jean left the Benjamin Franklin and went into the Victoria.

6:00 PM Jean and Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and went to Mildred's on Whittier Blvd., in Beverly Hills, California. Wright returned to the Greystone for reasons set out above.

6:00 PM Agent Bugas off - Osborne on.

7:40 PM Agent McGuire called, stating Jean called her mother stating she would be home early.

9:15 PM Agents Osborne and Wright checked on Jean and Foster at Mildred's - O. K.

11:00 PM Agents Osborne and Wright return to Greystone Apartments.

2-1-36

Special Agents Osborne and Wright on duty.

12:10 AM Jean and Foster returned. Jean in the Victoria and Foster in the Benjamin Franklin.

10:25 AM

11:35 AM

11:00 PM

(See Leckie's log. This information was immediately relayed to the Office.

12:10 PM Some man called from Jean's apartment and asked if he had any calls and was advised that he had received a call from Jean Robertson.

12:20 PM Jean and a male friend left in the Chevrolet. This man is slender, medium tall, small black mustache, wears tan camel hair overcoat, light grey hat and is about 30 years of age.

2:00 PM Culberson advised that Foster had discontinued his newspaper, the Examiner. Arrangements were made at this time to see any telegrams for either Foster or Haley. Office was advised.

2:50 PM Jean returned to the Victoria with the man described above.

3:00 PM Leckie advised that Haley went in the Benjamin Franklin.

9:00 PM Wright off duty - Bugas on.

2-2-36

Agents Osborne and Wright on duty.

1:30 PM

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1:50 PM Leckie advised that Jean called Foster. Foster to come over to the Victoria in about 30 or 40 minutes.

3:35 PM Foster left Benjamin Franklin and went to the Victoria.

8:45 PM Foster, Jean and mother out to Paramount Theatre.

12:00 M. Foster home to Benjamin Franklin.

2-3-36

Agents Osborne and Wright on duty.

12:45 PM Jean went into the Victoria, coming from the direction of the Benjamin Franklin.

12:55 PM Charlotte and Catherine arrived in tan Terraplane. Jean met them as she came out of the Victoria and all three left in Chevrolet. License tag on Terraplane for 1936 "5 M 63 78".

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1:18 PM Jean and other girls return to the Victoria. Whitson called and stated that Mildred was in Foster's apartment and that he overheard her say that Jean was going to the Bank. Office advised. Office ascertained through Mr. Dobson, Bank of America, that Jean had closed her account.

1:25 PM Jean called Foster. Mildred was then in Foster's apartment, but would be over to the Victoria just as soon as she finished her drink.

3:35 PM Foster left the Benjamin Franklin and went into the Victoria.



5:45 PM Foster returned to the Benjamin Franklin.  
5:46 PM Jean left in the Chevrolet - alone.  
6:15 PM Foster returned to the Victoria as Jean and her mother arrived in the Chevrolet.  
6:30 PM Jean and Foster out in Chevrolet to the dancing school in Glendale. Lost in traffic on return trip.  
8:30 PM Agents returned to the Greystone.  
10:40 PM Jean and Foster returned to the Victoria. Foster went to the Benjamin Franklin.



503a U.S. Courthouse & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
February 7, 1936

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin, who is stationed at Reno, Nevada, advises me that on January 30, 1936, Post Office Inspector F. W. Nix informed him that a very good woman friend of his wife had confided in him, Nix, that there were some gangsters in Reno, and possibly Alvin Karpis; that they were residing in a house formerly occupied by Al Jolson on the outskirts of the city.

Investigation by Agent McLaughlin discloses that Al Jolson and his wife owned a house at 220 Cheney Street, Reno, Nevada, which is a large two-story frame house, detached, and situated back from the street; that this house is presently occupied by a man and woman going under the name of Mr. and Mrs. F. Frost. It was ascertained discreetly that Mr. and Mrs. F. Frost secured these premises from Al Jolson through Mrs. William Graham, the Jolsons being approached by Mrs. Graham in behalf of the Frosts, and they now reside there and have been since January 19, 1936. It further develops that Frost, who resembles very closely George Raft, moving picture actor, is a man about forty years old, five feet eight inches in height, weighs about 150 pounds, hair dark, smoothly combed; eyes, dark, possibly brown, and is reported to be either from Chicago or New York City. Agent McLaughlin advises me that this individual, from all indications, appears to be a bodyguard for Graham, inasmuch as he is frequently seen with Graham and on all occasions has his hand in his pocket, indicating that possibly he is carrying a revolver.

I am further advised that there appears, at the present time, no one residing with Frost and his wife, but someone is receiving mail under the name of Maud Williams, possibly being the true name of the woman residing with Frost as his wife. Frost has installed a telephone in the house and assigned number 6350.

Discreet inquiries among various gamblers in Reno by Agent McLaughlin discloses that Frost is in some type of racket, possibly race horses, and is hiding out here in Reno.

Agent McLaughlin advises that he is conducting a very discreet investigation and at the present time all mail is covered that is delivered to this residence and arrangements are being made to determine whether any long distance calls are being received or sent from this residence.

Agent McLaughlin is of the opinion that Frost is not the true name of this individual inasmuch as he appears to be of Italian descent and probably has assumed same for some reason.

It is suggested that inquiries be made at the Chicago Police Department for the purpose of ascertaining whether they know anyone by the name of F. Frost or Maud Williams. It is further suggested that inquiry be made of Post Office Inspector Graham at New York and the police department for the purpose of ascertaining whether F. Frost is known in that city.

When further information is received from Agent McLaughlin regarding this matter I will supply you with further details.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York office in order that inquiry may be made of Inspector Graham.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau (AIRMAIL)  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cleveland, Ohio  
February 6, 1936

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TO ASSIST INQUIRY BEING MADE

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Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

**CHICAGO** FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/7/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/27-31/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. C. SURAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RCS:RP</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Apartment house located at 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was address formerly used by W. E. Mead at which time it was owned by Louis Nathan, reputed to be close friend of Mead. Nathan operates tavern known as "606 Club," Chicago, Illinois, and resides at Harrison Hotel, Chicago. Mail cover placed 1/30/36. John H. Foster, stockholder, Sears, Roebuck &amp; Company, not known to be identical with W. E. Mead. Information obtained Mead presently frequenting Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Results of decoy letter sent to 1533 Fargo Street were negative. C. P. Kenning claims to have received no information concerning the whereabouts of Kate Mead. Mead has not made inquiry concerning balance at Ford Motor Sales Company. Art O'Leary advised he would make inquiries as to W. E. Mead, but doubted if he could obtain information of value.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936; report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colorado, dated December 9, 1935. Report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 19, 1935; report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 31, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-576-9433
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**DETAILS:** The reference report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, dated December 31, 1935, contains information that Mrs. J. D. Schmitt had stated that while going through her files recently she found a letter therein dated in 1932 or 1933, which she had received from William Elmer Mead advising her to write him at 6139 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and she was under the impression that Mead was receiving his mail at that address.

Further information previously contained in the file concerning the address of 6139 South Park Avenue is to the effect that on October 8, 1925, and on March 30, 1936, Mead submitted parole reports from this address to the Colorado State authorities. Mead at that time was on parole from the Colorado State prison at Cannon City, Colorado.

Special Agent R. C. Suran determined that the apartment house located at 6139 South Park Avenue was managed by the real estate firm of Oschatz, Ratner & Wittert, Inc., 352 East 47th Street, telephone Atlantic 3767. Sidney A. Lowenthal, who is connected with the above named firm was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Suran. Mr. Lowenthal advised that the real estate firm with which he is connected had had the management of the apartment house located at 6139 South Park Avenue since October, 1934, and that prior to that time the real estate firm of Selz and Southman, located at 61st Street and South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, had managed the building. Mr. Lowenthal furnished the further information that the present owner of the building was Yondorf & Company, 105 West Adams Street, this company having foreclosed on a mortgage they previously held as against this property. Mr. Lowenthal stated he had no information concerning the previous owners of this flat.

The report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, above referred to, contains the information that Mrs. Schmitt believed that a family by the name of Dexter resided at 6139 South Park Avenue and received mail from William Elmer Mead. Mr. Lowenthal stated that no one by the name of Dexter had resided at this address during the time that the building had been under its present management. Mr. Lowenthal stated that there was a spinster residing in the building by the name of Miss Amy Keeley who had resided there for several years and that he considered her reliable and believed that she would treat any inquiries made of her confidential.

Mr. Paul Hobscheidt of Selz and Southman Realty Company, 61st and South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Agent. Mr. Hobscheidt stated that Selz and Southman collected the rentals from the apartments at 6139 South Park Avenue during the time that the building had been owned by one Louis Nathan, but that Louis Nathan had lost the building by a mortgage foreclosure during the fall of 1934 and that Selz and Southman had had no dealings with Mr. Nathan since that time and had no information concerning his present whereabouts or occupation. Mr. Hobscheidt also suggested the name of Miss Amy Keeley as a reliable contact in the building. Mr. Hobscheidt stated that he knew of no family by the name of Dexter who had ever resided at 6139 South Park Avenue.

Miss Amy Keeley was interviewed and she advised that she had no information concerning any family by the name of Dexter who had ever resided in the building and likewise she knew of no one by the name of Mead. Miss Keeley stated that the former owner of the building, Mr. Louis Nathan, was presently operating a tavern in the 600 block on South Wabash Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, but that she did not know where he made his present residence.

The photograph of William Elmer Mead was displayed to Miss Keeley as well as to Mr. Lowenthal and Mr. Hobscheidt, and none of these persons could recognize the photograph of Mead as being the likeness of anyone known to them.

Mr. Ascher of Yondorf & Company, 13th floor, Bankers Building, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, advised that this company held the mortgage against the property at 6139 South Park Avenue and the mortgage was foreclosed in January, 1934, and the title to the property is presently in the name of Yondorf & Company. Mr. Ascher stated that Louis Nathan at the time he owned the building resided there, but that he had no information concerning Nathan's present whereabouts or his present occupation, but that Mr. Nathan had a brother by the name of Charles Nathan who is supposed to deal in mining stock and also in some real estate and that his office is located at 834 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Observation by Agent Suran determined that at the above stated address on 55th Street, the firm of J. R. Selaman, Real Estate, is presently located there, and no inquiries were made at this address concerning Louis Nathan.

Agent determined that in the 600 block on South Wabash Avenue there is a tavern known as the "606 Club" located at 606 South Wabash Avenue. Inquiries made at an adjoining restaurant and barber shop to this address failed to reveal any information that Louis Nathan was connected with this tavern. Agent, therefore, made inquiries at the address of 606 South Wabash Avenue and discreet inquiry of the bartender at that place revealed that this was the tavern operated by Louis Nathan; that Louis Nathan tends bar at this address from 8:30 p.m. until closing time each day.

Inquiry at the Jackson Park Post Office, 6313 Langley Street, Chicago, Illinois, revealed a forwarding address of Louis Nathan dated February 3, 1934, from 6139 South Park Avenue to the Harrison Hotel, 57 East Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Further forwarding addresses for a Louis Nathan were found on file, one being dated 3/29/34 and was the removal notice of Louis Nathan from 6204 South Park Avenue to 6233 Kimbark Avenue; a removal notice dated October 29, 1934, from the address, 6233 Kimbark Avenue to 6358 Minerva Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It was not known at that time whether the Louis Nathan in the latter named forwarding addresses is identical with the Louis Nathan who is reputed to be a friend of William Elmer Mead.

Agent interviewed Mrs. M. J. Grennan, 6358 Minerva Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. She advised that over a year ago there was a man about sixty years of age who was employed as an interior decorator residing in the basement at 6358 Minerva Street, Chicago, Illinois, and this individual's name was Louis Nathan. She stated that this man left over a year ago, stating that he was returning to his home in California and she had no further information concerning him.

Agent interviewed Mr. Callan, manager of the Harrison Hotel who has been interviewed in connection with confidential matters prior to this time and is considered by the Chicago Bureau Office as being a reliable contact. Mr. Callan advised that there is presently residing in the Hotel a Mr. Louis Nathan; that Mr. Nathan lives there with his wife and operates the tavern located directly across from the Hotel, known as the "606 Club." He stated that Mr. Nathan and his wife are permanent guests in the Hotel, having moved into the same on January 30, 1934, and have lived there continuously since that date.



It is noted that this date corresponds with the date when the mortgage was foreclosed against the apartment house at 6139 South Park Avenue and also corresponds with information furnished by Miss Amy Keeley that Louis Nathan operated a tavern in the 600 block on South Wabash Avenue.

Previous references have been made to Louis Nathan in connection with investigation to locate William Elmer Mead. In the list of correspondents who corresponded with William Elmer Mead while he was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary, the name of Louis W. Nathan, 600 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, appears. Post Office Inspector Graham, New York City, has also furnished the information that Louis Nathan, who resided on South Wabash Street, Chicago, Illinois, was a close friend of William Elmer Mead.

As is previously set forth in this report Mead apparently resided in the same apartment building with Nathan, subsequent to his release from the Colorado State Penitentiary in 1925, it appearing that Nathan is probably closely associated with Mead. It was deemed advisable to place a cover on Nathan's mail both at the Harrison Hotel and the "606 Club" at 606 South Wabash Avenue, and this action was taken on January 29, 1936.

At the present time Special Agents J. C. Wheeler and Jerome Doyle are residing at the Harrison Hotel and these Agents have been furnished with the above information concerning Louis Nathan and have been instructed to observe the associates of Louis Nathan in and around the Hotel and to make frequent visits to the tavern located at 606 South Wabash Avenue. These Agents have visited the tavern and have determined that Louis Nathan is an individual about 48 years of age, six feet in height, having slightly gray hair, and extremely bad teeth. The Agents have not to date been successful in observing Nathan at the Harrison Hotel, but are continuing their efforts along this line, and will endeavor to develop the friendship of Nathan with a view of openly interviewing him at a later date concerning any information he may have concerning William Elmer Mead.

It was noted in the list of correspondents of William Elmer Mead at the Colorado State Penitentiary that Mead received over 200 communications from Sears, Roebuck & Company,



Chicago, Illinois, and forwarded 34 communications to this correspondent during the time that he, Mead, was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary from June 3, 1923 to September 4, 1925, under the name of John H. Foster.

Agent interviewed Mr. Williams, Assistant Treasurer of Sears, Roebuck & Company, South Homan Avenue and Arthington Street, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to determine the nature of the correspondence between William Elmer Mead and Sears, Roebuck & Company. Mr. Williams stated that this was an unusual situation in that numerous letters were written to Mead in such a short period of time. Mr. Williams communicated by telephone with the heads of the various departments of Sears, Roebuck & Company, and was unable to determine what transactions were had with Mead at any time. Included in Mr. Williams' efforts was a check of the customers and mailing lists. Mr. Williams made a check of the stockholders' lists and there found a stockholder by the name of John H. Foster, who is presently the owner of ten shares of stock in Sears, Roebuck & Company. Mr. Williams stated that the records disclosed that on April 8, 1931, Sears, Roebuck & Company forwarded to John H. Foster a dividend check to 326 East Squantum Street, Atlantic, Massachusetts. It was further determined that an additional dividend check was forwarded to Foster on March 17, 1933 to the address of 910 Nutting Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, and again on November 22, 1935, a dividend check was forwarded to John H. Foster at the address, 312 Elm Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, this being all of the correspondence had with Foster by any of the departments of Sears, Roebuck & Company.

Sergeant Tom Alcock, who has been previously interviewed in connection with William Elmer Mead, was again contacted by Special Agent R. C. Suran. Sergeant Alcock advised that he had an informant who had advised him that William Elmer Mead is presently frequenting Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and that he was residing with a friend at one of these places, but it was possible that Mead would be found frequenting the better hotels at either Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Alcock stated that his informant had just left Chicago, Illinois, in the last few days for some place in Florida and that he would not be able to again contact the informant until the latter returned to Chicago, Illinois, which he believed would be in the near future. He stated his informant is in a position to obtain accurate information concerning Mead and he considered him very reliable in this respect and felt confident that if the appropriate investigation was conducted at Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mead

could be apprehended at that place.

Sergeant Alcock was questioned concerning the incident referred to by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Franzan, referred to in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated December 27, 1935, this incident being during the latter part of 1933 or the first part of 1934, when several confidence men were arrested in the south side of Chicago in connection with a fraud which had been perpetrated on a man from Ohio. Sergeant Alcock stated that he believed this referred to the arrest of Edward Hale, Chicago Police Department No. C-52363, John Moore, Chicago Police Department No. C-52365, and Frank Henderson, Chicago Police Department No. C-52364, on September 27, 1933, for a confidence game which had been perpetrated by these men against W. T. Hamilton of Lima, Ohio, which case has previously been referred to throughout the investigation concerning William Elmer Mead. Sergeant Alcock stated that Mead also was involved in this swindle, but was not arrested with the men whose names have been mentioned above. He stated that Frank Henderson is from Louisville, Kentucky, and is presently wanted by the United States Narcotic Bureau for a narcotic violation; that John Moore is presently wanted in Miami, Florida; that this individual's home is in Mississippi and it will be noted from the information obtained from Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Franzan of the F. O. R. Service that the Frank Reynolds referred to by these men, is probably identical with John Moore, arrested by the Chicago Police Department, in that Frank Reynolds had a Cadillac Sedan, bearing 1933 Mississippi license, #35987, registered in the State of Mississippi and was supposed to have previously lived in that State. Sergeant Alcock stated that he had spent considerable time working with Post Office Inspector Graham of New York City in connection with confidence men and that he considered Inspector Graham as the man who possessed the most information concerning confidence men of any man in the United States and that he was presently interested in locating Mead as a matter of cooperation with Mr. Graham as well as this Bureau and that Mead was also wanted at Chicago, Illinois, for a bond forfeiture and that he would continue his efforts to obtain information concerning the present whereabouts of Mead.

Sergeant Alcock further advised that on February 22, 1936, the race track at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will be opened and that he contemplates that most of the major confidence men of which William Elmer Mead is one would probably be

found looking for victims around this race track at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that it is his present intention if the Chicago Police Department will approve, to proceed to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on or about February 22, 1936, to ascertain whether any of the confidence men wanted by the Chicago Police Department would be found there and that he also intends to make the appropriate observations at that time in an effort to locate William Elmer Mead.

Sergeant Alcock was questioned concerning the finding of the names of Billy Skidmore and Arthur Quinn in the Mead apartment at the time he, Alcock, arrested Mead at Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1933. Sergeant Alcock stated that Billy Skidmore is a local bondsman closely connected with the various racketeers in Chicago, Illinois and that he had endeavored to obtain information concerning William Elmer Mead from Skidmore but without success. He stated that Arthur Quinn is presently a member of the Illinois State Legislature and is known to have been connected with various confidence men in Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he did not believe that Quinn would furnish information concerning Mead if he were directly approached.

In connection with the \$234.75 balance to the credit of Mead as C. D. Carter at the Ford Motor Sales Company, 2220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Agent interviewed Mr. K. E. Fick, Office Manager, who consulted his records and advised that no inquiry had been made by anyone concerning this balance as of January 29, 1936. The appropriate notation has been made on the records of the Ford Motor Company to immediately notify the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Bureau Office in the event that an inquiry is made concerning this by any person. Mr. Fick has promised that he would give this matter his personal attention.

Mr. Charles P. Kenning, 1436 West Jarvis Street, Chicago, Illinois, of the Kenning Realty Company located at that address, was again interviewed by Agent. Mr. Kenning still denies that he has any information concerning the present whereabouts of Kate Mead and insists that if he should obtain any information he would immediately advise the Chicago Bureau Office.

The bill cover which has been maintained on the bill of Mr. Kenning has produced no results and there are no indications from the tracing receiver that Mrs. Mead is corresponding with Kenning.

The registered McCoy letter addressed to Mr. W. E. Mead, 1533 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, was returned to Jacksonville, Florida on January 24, 1936. Mr. Rogers, Superintendent of the Rogers Park Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the appropriate notices had been left at 1533 Fargo Street and to date no one has presented them in an effort to obtain possession of the registered letter. A notice was left at the above address on December 23, 1935 and the second notice was left there on January 2, 1936. The letter remained at the Rogers Park Post Office for several days beyond the required period after which Mr. Rogers gave instructions that it be returned to the sender.

It is further noted that the investigation at the Colorado State Penitentiary disclosed that William Elmer Mead on October 5, 1925, submitted a parole report to the Colorado State authorities from the address of 111 East Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois.

This Agent by observation determined that the address at 111 East Ontario Street was occupied by a third class rooming house. Mrs. Mary Kirby was interviewed and she advised that she had operated this rooming house since the fall of 1925 and that she definitely recalls that no one by the name of Mead resided there at any time.

She was shown a photograph of William Elmer Mead and she failed to identify it as being anyone known to her.

Inasmuch as Mead is known to frequent the better class hotels, it appears highly improbable that he would frequent the rooming house operated by Mrs. Kirby.

The following interview was conducted by Special Agent S. K. McKee:

Following telephonic communication at his residence, Arthur W. O'Leary came to the Chicago Bureau Office on January 31, 1936 for interview concerning William Elmer Mead. O'Leary advised that he had not seen Mead since the spring of 1934 when contact was had with him in a hotel at Elgin, Illinois with reference to performing operations on his (Mead's) fingertips; the operation to be performed by Dr. Wilhelm Loeser.

O'Leary advised that since his release from jail on charges of harboring John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter, and in view of the fact that he is presently on probation, he has refrained from making any contacts with underworld characters for the reason that he did not desire to jeopardize his probation.

He further stated that during the time he was in custody, Attorney Louis Piquett talked to many persons connected with the underworld and advised them that O'Leary had "talked" to the Government and that since he, O'Leary, has been released, he has heard that Piquett has been spreading rumors to the effect that O'Leary is on the Government payroll.

O'Leary was told that mere conversations with persons connected with the underworld would not be sufficient to cause the revocation of his probation. He stated that he is desirous of learning what the underworld thinks of him at the present time and he stated that if his probation would not be jeopardized, he will talk with some underworld friends in order to learn whether he is still in their good graces. He said he believes that the underworld will consider that he was only protecting himself and endeavoring to keep Piquett from laying the blame in the Dillinger matter on him when he made an open breast of his connection in that matter to the Government.

He also stated that he would contact Piquett in order to learn his present attitude and for the further purpose of ascertaining if he knows anything about Mead at the present time.

Agent mentioned the fact that the Government would be willing to pay a nominal reward for information as to the location of Mead and O'Leary stated very frankly that he would be interested in collecting this reward and that he would not hesitate in supplying information about Mead if he could obtain same.

At this time Agent asked O'Leary if he was acquainted with a man named "Nathanson", a former friend of Mead, and he replied that he was, stating that Nathanson was a "bond runner" at the time he, O'Leary, was engaged in the same business.

O'Leary promised to try to secure information relative to Mead's present location. He said he was frankly doubtful whether he would be able to learn anything from underworld friends because of his present involvement, but he advised that he would do his best.

He stated that if he were able to learn anything about Mead he would communicate with Agent McKee by telephone, and in this connection he stated that he did not desire to deal with any other Agent, giving as his reason the fact that there would be a greater danger of it becoming known that he was furnishing information if he dealt with more than one person.

Arrangements have been made with Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd to have O'Leary put in communication with Agent McKee in the event he is away from the city when O'Leary telephones the Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The LITTLE ROCK BUREAU OFFICE at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will conduct the appropriate investigation at the first class hotels located at that place subsequent to the time of the opening of the race track at Hot Springs, which is reported to be February 22, 1936. This lead is set forth in view of information obtained from Sergeant Alcock that a large group of confidence men are expected to be at that place on the date mentioned.

The BOSTON BUREAU OFFICE will conduct the appropriate investigation to determine whether John H. Foster residing at 312 Elm Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, is identical with William Elmer Mead.

The JACKSONVILLE BUREAU OFFICE at Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, Florida, will conduct an investigation through the better hotels located at this place to determine if William Elmer Mead is presently frequenting them and will conduct such other investigation as is possible to determine whether William Elmer Mead is presently frequenting these towns.

The CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE will contact Sergeant Alcock of the Chicago Police Department from time to time to determine whether he has obtained any information concerning William Elmer Mead and the Chicago Office will continue the investigation of the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 6, 1936.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-4-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/20, 22, 29 &amp; 12/5, 15, 22 &amp;</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. D. White</b> <span style="float: right;">HG</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w. a. FUGITIVE 1/3, 9, 17/36 I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w. a. I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mickey O'Neil, unknown at San Pedro, Wilmington and Long Beach, Calif. Pauline Miller not known to be associating with anyone of interest to the instant file at Palm Springs, Calif. Fitzgerald or Belle Born not known to have frequented Gilman Hot Springs. Anna Dane ascertained to be a respectable woman and formerly employed by Howard W. Davis, Los Angeles, Joseph E. Kelly knows nothing concerning present whereabouts of Subjects Karpis or Campbell.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Cleveland Office dated 12-20-35; report of Special Agent W. J. White, Chicago, 11-26-35; report of F. C. Dorwart, San Francisco, 1-14-36; telegram from SAC Connelley, Chicago, dated 12-11-35; letter from the Director dated 12-2-35; teletypes from Los Angeles to Chicago, dated 11-20-35 and from Chicago to Los Angeles 11-22-35.

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**DETAILS:**

Under date of January 16, 1936, a communication addressed to SAC HANSON, Los Angeles Bureau Office dated January 15, 1936, was received from one MACK A. HINSON, Tank 12-D-1, Los Angeles County Jail, said communication reflecting a request by the author for an interview with the addressee at his earliest convenience on a matter believed to be by the author of such magnitude as to require Mr. HANSON's personal attention.

The writer interviewed Mr. HINSON who stated that he was confined in the Los Angeles County Jail awaiting transfer to a Federal Penitentiary to serve three years for violation of a parole on a sentence imposed by Federal Judge Harry Hollzer in August, 1935, as a result of his implication in the interstate transportation and disposition of stolen Government bonds.

The prisoner stated that he was of the opinion that if a release could be effected that he could locate ALVIN KARPIS through associates of "fences" of KARPIS with whom he, HINSON, was acquainted in Oklahoma. Upon being pressed for details and the identities of the "fences" or individuals through whom he expected to locate KARPIS, he was unable to supply that information. It was obvious to the writer that this prisoner is not acquainted with ALVIN KARPIS or any of his known associates.

HINSON merely disclosed that he is attempting to evade the service of the sentence imposed, above-mentioned, and is endeavoring to use the Bureau as an instrument whereby this could be accomplished. At the close of the interview, HINSON admitted that he had not the slightest idea how he might locate KARPIS or any of his associates, but that he might be able to turn up some more "hot" bonds if he were to be released at this time.

Subsequent to the above interview a communication was received from THADEUS A. DAVIS, Chief Probation Officer, inclosing another communication from Mr. HINSON, requesting an interview with Mr. DAVIS. Mr. DAVIS' communication reflects that HINSON, being no longer a ward of the Probation System, the matter was, therefore, referred to this office.

Reference is made to the communication from the Cleveland, Ohio, office, dated December 20, 1935, reciting that it had been ascertained that PAULINE MILLER, former wife of MURRAY COOK, is presently residing at Palm Springs, care of General Delivery. The letter further recited that possibly PAULINE MILLER is associating with FITZGERALD or IMOGENE ROBERTSON and requested that it be discreetly ascertained who her, PAULINE MILLER's associates are at Palm Springs and who, if any, of the Subjects in the instant file or persons identified therewith she was contacting.

The writer accordingly proceeded to Palm Springs and ascertained that PAULINE MILLER is known at that place as Mrs. ROBERT BUCKLIN, and that her husband has for the past two years been employed by the Tanner Livery Service, quartered at the El Mirador Hotel, Palm Springs, said service being managed by CECIL H. ISENAGLE an individual personally known to the writer as a reliable person and friendly to this Bureau. Mr. ISENAGLE, upon interview, stated that Mr. BUCKLIN, as well as Mrs. BUCKLIN are both well known to him; that Mrs. BUCKLIN came out from the East last year to take up residence with her husband whose average income in the capacity of a Tanner Service Livery car driver would be \$100 a month during the season at Palm Springs, which is more or less of short duration; that he has personally observed that the BUCKLINS are in financial distress inasmuch as he very recently had requested Mr. BUCKLIN to purchase a new pair of shoes in view of the condition of these presently worn by Mr. BUCKLIN. Mr. BUCKLIN advised him that he would be only too glad to buy the shoes if he had the money, but he was unable to do so because of his financial condition. Mr. ISENAGLE further advised that in view of the small restricted area of Palm Springs he had every opportunity to observe the associates and habits of the BUCKLINS; that he has not at any time during the period of Mr. BUCKLIN's employment, observed the BUCKLINS with any persons whose identity was not known to him; that their associates are composed of fellow employees of Mr. BUCKLIN and their wives. Mr. ISENAGLE was shown photographs of Subjects or persons of interest in the instant file, none of whom he was able to recognize as being associates of the BUCKLINS. He further advised that in the event any activities of a suspicious nature come to his attention with respect to these people he will immediately advise the Los Angeles Bureau Office.

Reference is made to telegraphic communication dated December 11, 1935, emanating from Chicago, Illinois, signed by SAC E. J. CONNELLEY, requesting this office to ascertain and advise the Chicago and St. Paul offices whether or not FITZGERALD or BELLE BORN had frequented Gilman Hot Springs. Mr. and Mrs. M. G. GILMAN, proprietors of the only hotel at the Hot Springs, were interviewed and the register checked. One registration under date of 8-12-34 appeared under the name of C. J. MURPHY and wife. Tracing of this signature was secured and is attached to the copies of this report for the Cincinnati Office. Photographs and descriptions of FITZGERALD and BELLE BORN were submitted to Mr. and Mrs. GILMAN and all of the employees in the dining room and the hotel, none of whom was able to identify those individuals as having been at the hotel.

Reference is made to the communication of the Director dated December 2, 1935, with reference to a one-page letter beginning, "Dear Mrs. Karpis, I am", this communication being signed by ANNA DANE, 308 West 43rd Street, Apartment 4. Investigation in the vicinity of that address disclosed that the building, a two-story affair with apartments on the second floor and business locations on the ground floor, is owned by Mr. HOWARD W. DAVIS, 314 West Santa Barbara St., Los Angeles, who formerly operated a real estate office on the premises.

Upon Agent's ascertaining that Mr. DAVIS is a reliable and responsible citizen, Mr. DAVIS was interviewed by the writer. He stated that ANNA DANE was personally known to him and had been formerly employed by him as a typist; that she is a highly respectable, refined lady; that Mrs. DANE's husband, sometime in the past, had disappeared; that his disappearance had become an obsession with Mrs. DANE and she had on numerous instances known to him directed communications of sympathy to individuals who were seeking lost persons. In view of this information, no further investigation was made along this line.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart dated San Francisco, California, 1-14-36, requesting the Los Angeles office to ascertain, if possible, at Wilmington or San Pedro, California, the identity of a night club entertainer known as "MICKEY" with the possible surname of O'NEIL. In this connection the writer interviewed Chief of Detectives M. MURPHY of the Long Beach Police Department, who is thoroughly familiar with the identities of the various entertainers and night club operators throughout the harbor district, including Long Beach, San Pedro and Wilmington. Mr. MURPHY, in this connection, advised that a MICKEY or person named O'NEIL as a night club entertainer or frequenter was unknown to him. Mr. MURPHY referred the writer to Mr. D. CROW who presently operates the Brass Rail, a night club with a floor show at Wilmington, California. Mr. MURPHY further advised that Mr. CROW is a reliable informant, having been employed by the various Police Departments at the points mentioned in that respect on many occasions without compensation in that he is worth considerable money; further, that he is well known by all members of the Police Departments, underworld characters and waterfront individuals; and has at various times operated different houses of entertainment in the above-mentioned cities.

Mr. CROW, therefore, was interviewed and stated that he could not recall a night club entertainer by the name of MICKEY or with the surname of O'NEIL; that he has been in the night club business in the bay district for many years and knows personally all the entertainers who have appeared in the district for the past number of years; that he has never on any occasion heard of or knew a MICKEY or MICKEY O'NEIL as an entertainer or a frequenter of night clubs in the district. He further advised that he knew of no underworld character by that name and that he is acquainted with all individuals of that type in the district.

Reference is made to teletype dated November 20, 1935, emanating from this office to the Chicago office concerning one JOSEPH KELLY, with aliases, who is being held by the Pasadena Police Department for issuing bad checks and who alleged participation in a robbery of the Chicago City National Bank located near Oakwood and Park Streets, Chicago, shortly before Christmas of 1934, claiming to have been accompanied on that robbery by RUSSELL GIBSON of the instant file. Said teletype requested the Chicago office for information concerning this individual. On November 22, 1935, a teletype was received from the Chicago office, stating that RUSSELL GIBSON is not identified with the bank robbery in question and requesting that KELLY be thoroughly interrogated for information of value as to the whereabouts of KARPIS and CAMPBELL or means of locating them.

In this connection KELLY was interviewed by the writer at the Los Angeles County Jail, where he was being held for the Pasadena Police. It might be stated that in connection with the following interview, it is the opinion of the writer that KELLY is possessed with a braggadocio and egotistical complex with relation to alleged associations with dangerous people.

He stated that he first met GIBSON in 1925 in Kansas City, during which time he, KELLY, was arrested with one CHARLEY GARGATTA who at that time was associating with GIBSON; that he did not see him for a number of years and in 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, he again met GIBSON; that the meeting was as a result of information obtained by him through one BUDDY McDONALD and a woman who was thought to be his paramour or wife; that to the best of his recollection, BUDDY McDONALD and the woman in question resided at the time at 815 Eleventh Street, Kansas City, Missouri, the premises being occupied by a two-story brick building located on the lefthand side of the street, going East on 11th St., which would place the building in question on the north side of 11th Street; that according to information he, KELLY, received from McDONALD, the premises occupied by BUDDY McDONALD were used as a hideout for various criminals.

With reference to his meeting with GIBSON in Chicago in 1934, KELLY stated that it was through the above-mentioned individual and address that he located GIBSON at the Crystal Bar, Chicago, Illinois, the location of which KELLY was unable to furnish, but that he did make his connection by means of the above channel; that he met GIBSON at this bar, at which time GIBSON gave him \$75.00, stating that he, GIBSON, was much sought after by the authorities as a result of GIBSON's alleged associations with ALVIN KARPIS; that he, KELLY, furnished GIBSON with his telephone number in view of the fact that GIBSON stated that he wanted to cut KELLY in on a contemplated job in the suburbs of Chicago, a payroll holdup; that he later received a telephone call from GIBSON as a result of which call he met GIBSON at the Catholic Hospital located at Chicago, Illinois, on LaSalle and Huron Sts., at which time they discussed the job in question; that this discussion took place sometime in December of 1934 or January of 1935, at which time he, KELLY, was residing with his brother and sister-in-law at Chicago, Illinois. A thorough discussion was had with KELLY with respect to the various members of the instant file, their descriptions, identities and activities, but KELLY was apparently not conversant along this line.

Returning to BUDDY McDONALD, KELLY described that individual as being 39-40 years; 5'11" tall; 155 lbs., dark hair, receding; neat dresser and in most instances carries a gun.

It is the opinion of Mr. KELLY that if KARPIS or CAMPBELL were seeking a hideout or a point of contact in Kansas City that, in view of GIBSON's former associations with BUDDY McDONALD, they would contact McDONALD.

With respect to KELLY's alleged participation in the robbery of the Chicago bank previously mentioned, he stated that in view of the fact that he was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department in company with EDNA MARSH with whom he had been living and whom he had transported interstate and who professed to be his wife, but as a matter of fact was not, he, in order to detract any prosecutive action from her with respect to her association with him in the case of bad checks, etc., professed to have knowledge and participation in the bank robbery previously mentioned, but that as a matter of fact he knew nothing concerning the robbery.

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Director  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent J. B. Little, of the Oklahoma City Office, telephoned from Wichita, Kansas, at 9:48 P.M., February 6, 1936, stating he had just arrived there to carry out a lead which he had developed with reference to the location of Milton Lett. He was staying at the Allis Hotel and contemplated returning to Oklahoma probably on February 8, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/6/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1/10 to 27, inc. 1/31, 2/5/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN L. MADALA</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JLM/ehc</b></span>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dolores De Laney, common-law wife of Alvin Karpis, furnished signed statement outlining travels and places of abode with Subject Karpis and associations with other members of this gang. Wynona Burdette, paramour of Harry Campbell, likewise provided signed statement outlining her travels and associations from the time she again met Harry Campbell in November of 1934 up until the date of her arrest at Atlantic City, New Jersey, January, 1935. The statements of both Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette indicate that Joe Adams and Duke Randall knew of the true identity of Alvin Karpis and other members of the Barker-Karpis gang while they resided in Florida and Cuba during the latter part of 1934. Joe Adams interviewed at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to taking witness stand in Federal Court against Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver, and Cassius McDonald, and information obtained from him set out herein; denies receiving letter from Alvin Karpis under the signature "Mr. Wagner," which Dolores De Laney asserts was mailed to him and which he subsequently acknowledged by cablegram. Dolores De Laney states that she had heard that Alvin Karpis visited Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and someplace "out West," probably Reno, Nevada, after his escape from Atlantic City in January, 1935. Bryan Bolton interviewed and stated that "Doc" Barker took \$100,000.00 of ransom money to Reno, Nevada, shortly after Bremer was released, and left it with a man named Sullivan, who advanced him \$10,000.00 in \$1,000.00 denominations; that on failure to exchange this money, some member of the gang later went to Reno and obtained it; that this money undoubtedly was the money later exchanged through Cassius McDonald in Cuba.

**DETAILS:**

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This is a joint report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and the writer.

Dolores De Laney, common-law wife of Subject Alvin Karpis, who was brought to St. Paul, Minnesota, from the Federal Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, to testify in the trial against Harry Sawyer, Bill Weaver, and Cassius McDonald, was interviewed by Special Agent Sullivan and the writer on several occasions at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. She voluntarily furnished a signed statement outlining her travels, associations, and places of abode with Alvin Karpis from the time she met him in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1933, to the date of her arrest at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on January 25, 1935. After the statement was typed and presented to her for perusal she admitted that the statement did not contain all the information in her possession. For this reason the statement in question was carefully gone over with her by Agents, as a result of which the signed statement set out below was obtained. After the second statement was typed, it was given to her to read and as she read each page she placed her signature at the bottom of same. The statement reads as follows:

Ramsey County Jail  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
January 22, 1936

I, DOLORES De LANEY, make the following signed statement to D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is entirely voluntary and no promises or threats have been made to me.

I am twenty years of age and was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I have three sisters, Frances, Helen, and Margaret, and one brother named Robert. My father's name is James De Laney, and my mother's name before her marriage was Helen O'Donnell. They have now been separated for the past ten years. I attended grade school in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and discontinued my education when I was in my third year in high school in Chicago, Illinois. After I left high school I lived in Chicago until the latter part of 1932, and while here I worked at various places. I thereafter proceeded to Saint Paul, Minnesota, and lived with my sister Helen, who is the wife of Pat Reilly, until May of 1933.



I first met HARRY SAWYER either in 1929 or 1930 through Pat Reilly, who at that time was working for HARRY SAWYER at Sawyer's cigar store on Wabasha Street. I saw him frequently at this store when I stopped in to see Pat Reilly. During my acquaintanceship with HARRY SAWYER I very often referred to him as "Sea Lion", and I believe that Pat Reilly is the person who gave him that name.

During 1932 and the early part of 1933 I kept company with Clarence DuVol, who is the brother of Lawrence DuVol, who is presently serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. In March, 1933, after Clarence DuVol was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department for participation in the robbery of the Third Northwestern Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, I appeared in the State Court as one of his witnesses, testifying to the fact that he was in my company at the time the bank was supposed to have been robbed. Clarence DuVol was acquitted on this charge.

I first met ALVIN KARPIS in Saint Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of May, 1933, at the Hollyhocks Inn. I met him as "Ray", no last name given at this time. He was with someone whom I do not know, and a few days later I saw him again outside of the Plantation Club in Saint Paul. ALVIN KARPIS at this time merely nodded his head to me. I thereafter saw him again two or three days later in the Hollyhocks Inn, and on this occasion I associated with him and told him that I was going to Chicago, Illinois, in the next few days. I gave him my address in Chicago and at this time we made an appointment for him to meet me in Chicago in a few weeks.

Around the latter part of May 1933 I proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, to visit my sister Margaret, who is also known under the name of Jean. At that time she was living in an apartment located on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. One day as I left the apartment I met ALVIN KARPIS in an automobile near my home. He was coming up to see me at this time and was driving a Graham-Paige automobile. Upon recognizing him I entered his automobile and we thereupon drove about Chicago, Illinois, for the remainder of the day.

I was in his constant company for several weeks thereafter, and at his suggestion I went to live with him as man and wife in a furnished apartment which he had rented at River Forest, Illinois, the address of which I do not know. To my recollection this apartment house is located on the first street south of Lake Street near the 8000 West block. The building is a large three or four story brick structure with several entrances and a large lawn in front of it. ALVIN was living at this place under the name of HAYES. When I went to live with ALVIN KARPIS he told me that he was working for some automobile agency as a salesman and that he at one time resided in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

We lived at his apartment in River Forest, Illinois, for about a month, during which time he made two or three trips, staying away possibly three or four days at a time. The first time, as I recall, he stayed away for possibly four days and when he returned he brought a man and woman with him whom he introduced as Freddie and Paula, and whom I now know as FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON.

PAULA lived with us for three days at this time and it is my understanding that FREDDIE was living with his mother, who I later learned had an apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, as I recall on the day PAULA left FRED BARKER came after her and they thereafter moved to a place on a lake somewhere in Illinois, the exact location I do not know. When PAULA left she told me that she would invite me to their place on this lake but she has never done so. Approximately four days after PAULA HARMON left our apartment in River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS left for an unknown destination, leaving his Graham-Paige automobile with me. I recall he left alone in a taxi on this occasion. He remained away for possibly four days on this trip.

I also desire to state that while living at River Forest, Illinois, we frequently ate at a place I believe is called the Rainbow Inn, and which I believe was a barbecue stand. Across the street from this place was located another barbecue stand with the name Hayes on the front of it. I distinctly recall this place as ALVIN KARPIS and I were at that time living in River Forest, Illinois, under the name of HAYES as stated above. We also frequently visited a dine and dance place which is located approximately thirty miles from Chicago, and it is possible that this is

Louie Cernocky's place in Fox River Grove, Illinois. The only persons I recall meeting at this place are JESS DOYLE and his wife Doris. There were several other of ALVIN'S friends there, the identities of whom I do not now recall.

Also while living at River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN and I made an automobile trip to Saint Paul, Minnesota. He told me before leaving that he was going through Saint Paul, Minnesota, and that if I desired I could go with him as far as Saint Paul and visit with my people. Upon arriving in Saint Paul, Minnesota, I registered at the St. Francis Hotel under the name of MRS. HAYES. While in this city I visited with my sister Helen and Pat Reilly and at this time told Helen that I had married some automobile salesman at Chicago, Illinois. I endeavored to see my mother on this trip and learned that she was out of the city, and therefore did not see her. I also saw HARRY SAWYER at this time while I was visiting with Pat Reilly at Sawyer's saloon. I returned to Chicago, Illinois, by train several days later and upon arriving at my apartment in River Forest, Illinois, ALVIN KARPIS was there, having previously returned from his trip.

During the latter part of June 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and I moved to the Country Club Hotel at 6930 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, registering there under the name of LOHMAN. We lived in this apartment for possibly ten days and did not have any visitors during this period. About a week or so later ALVIN KARPIS and I moved to a beautiful summer home at Long Beach, Indiana, which I believe is owned by a man known to me as Konvalinka. ALVIN and I lived at this summer home for approximately two months, and on one occasion during the middle part of July 1933 I noticed ALVIN KARPIS' picture in a newspaper identifying him as a suspect in the Kansas City Massacre. I exhibited this photograph and newspaper article to ALVIN and asked him if it were true. He admitted his identity but denied that he was involved in that crime, stating however that he had done a few little things, none of which he described. This is the first knowledge I had of ALVIN KARPIS' true identity, and as a result thereof a quarrel between us arose and he told me at that time if I desired to leave him he would give me some money and I could go where I desired. However, because of my affection for him I refused to leave.

While living at Long Beach, Indiana, ALVIN KARPIS and I were visited on two occasions by FRED GOETZ, whom I only knew as George, his wife Irene, and a little boy called Bobby. FRED

BARKER and PAULA HARMON also visited us on one or two occasions while at this place. On another occasion FRED GOETZ and his wife Irene, and BRYAN BOLTON, his wife and two children, whom I at that time knew as the CARTERS, were our guests for three days.

On or about September 1, 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and I moved from this home at Long Beach, Indiana, to the Country Club Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, where we again registered under the name of WILLIAM LOEDMAN and wife. On the day we left Long Beach, ALVIN KARPIS left me that morning for Chicago, Illinois, and returned in the evening in company with DOC BARKER, whom ALVIN introduced as "DOC" and as the brother of FREDDIE BARKER. I recall that he accompanied us to the Country Club Hotel and shortly thereafter he left for an unknown destination.

While living at the Country Club Hotel during this period we were visited by HARRY SAWYER, his wife Gladys, and their daughter Francine. I judge this to be around the middle of September of 1933, and they lived with us for approximately one week. I wish to state that this is the first intimation I had that ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER were known to each other. Upon seeing HARRY SAWYER I naturally asked him about Pat Reilly and my sister, and he replied that they were all right.

While HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with us I spent most of my time with Gladys and Francine visiting the Worlds Fair, going to movies, and doing shopping. On one or two occasions upon our return to the apartment the condition of it indicated that there had been some visitors there, although I never did see anyone else other than ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER there on these occasions. As stated above, HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and Francine lived with us for approximately a week and thereafter the SAWYERS obtained an apartment in the same hotel, either on the same floor or the floor above us under a name I do not recall. I never visited them at their apartment, although Gladys Sawyer and I continued to shop and travel in Chicago together. As I recall, the SAWYERS lived in this apartment for about one week and I do not have any knowledge of any visitors which they might have had.

On or about September 25, 1933 ALVIN KARPIS and myself left for Reno, Nevada, in his Dodge Sedan. We did not pass through Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this trip but drove direct to Reno, Nevada, arriving there three days after our departure. We registered into

the Anderson Hotel under the name of either <sup>BURNS</sup> or LOHMAN, at which hotel we stayed approximately one week. We knew no one at this hotel, nor did we see any of ALVIN'S friends at this time. I might state at this point that ALVIN indicated to me upon our arrival in Reno that he had been there some time previous. To my recollection he stated that he lived there for a period of several weeks during 1932.

Around this period ALVIN KARPIS and myself drove to San Francisco, California, and checked into the William Taylor Hotel under the name, I believe, of LOHMAN. While in San Francisco ALVIN purchased an Auburn Sedan. We stayed in San Francisco for two days and visited various taverns, the addresses of which I do not know, with the exception of one place which ALVIN and I visited more frequently than the others and which is located about two blocks around the corner from the William Taylor Hotel. It appeared that ALVIN was well acquainted there. We returned to Reno, Nevada, shortly thereafter in ALVIN'S new Auburn automobile and went to live at Steamboat Springs, a health resort a few miles from Reno, Nevada. While living at Steamboat Springs, and after we had been there approximately one week, PAULA HARMON and WYNONA BURDETTE visited the Springs, where I met them. A day or so later, at ALVIN'S suggestion, PAULA and I drove to San Francisco, California, to pick up the registration card for the Auburn Sedan previously purchased by ALVIN and which was to be sent to the William Taylor Hotel. PAULA and I registered at the William Taylor Hotel and got the letter addressed to ALVIN under the name of LOHMAN and left that same night to return to Reno, Nevada.

On or about November 2, 1933 we moved to the Alvada Apartments, and FREDDIE and PAULA, who had been living in an apartment the address of which I do not know, rented a place at the Belmont Apartments. While living in the Alvada Apartments ALVIN wanted to get someone to work for me but I told him that I would much rather do the housekeeping by myself. In our discussion about this matter ALVIN commented on the fact that the Japs were very good domestics, and at this time stated that he had a Jap working for him while he was living at White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and that he was entirely satisfied with him. From the conversation that followed I gained the impression that FREDDIE BARKER was living with him at this lake.

Also during the time I was living at the Alvada Apartments in Reno, Nevada, I met EDNA MURRAY, under the name of "Rabbits" at PAULA HARMON'S apartment. On one occasion VOLNEY DAVIS came to our place



and asked for PAULA HARMON and FREDDIE BARKER. This was the only occasion I met VOLNEY DAVIS while living in Reno, Nevada. I likewise saw DOC BARKER on several occasions during this period although I do not know where he was living. HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE were also living in Reno at this time, the exact address I do not know.

ALVIN and I frequently went to various taverns and night clubs with FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON, and the places I recall we visited were The Town Club, The Tavern, The Bank Club, and a small night club which is located on the road between Reno and Steamboat Springs, Nevada. We usually made the rounds of all four of them when we went out, and it appeared that the boys had been to these places sometime previous as they appeared to be quite friendly with the employees there.

Shortly after we moved into the Alvada Apartments FRED and DOC BARKER left for an unknown destination. ALVIN KARPIS and I a day or so later drove to Las Vegas, Nevada, and on the outskirts of town, and purely by chance, we met DOC and FRED BARKER, who were parked at a barbecue stand. All four of us checked into the best hotel in town, which I believe is the Sal Sagev. That same afternoon the four of us went to visit the dam outside of Las Vegas which was then under construction. On the following morning DOC and FRED BARKER left Las Vegas and I do not know where they were going. However, ALVIN and I stayed in Las Vegas for three or four days more and then we drove to Los Angeles, California, and checked into the Roselyn Hotel under an alias which I do not recall. We remained in Los Angeles for two days and it appeared that ALVIN KARPIS was waiting for a message from some person inasmuch as he did not leave the hotel at any time while we were living there. He apparently did not receive this message, and although he did not make any remark in connection therewith, I observed that he was somewhat perturbed because of it. We did not go anywhere nor did we see anyone while in Los Angeles, California, and at the end of two days ALVIN and I returned to Reno, Nevada.

On or about December 2, 1933 DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, and myself left Reno, Nevada, in our Auburn Sedan and drove to Chicago, Illinois, arriving on or about December 5, 1933. ALVIN and I checked into the Orlando Hotel, and after we carried our baggage to our room ALVIN left with DOC BARKER and shortly thereafter ALVIN returned by himself. I do not know where the rest of the crowd went upon leaving

Reno, Nevada; however, it was my understanding that they were either going to leave or had already left Reno when ALVIN and I did, and I recall that we met FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON in a restaurant in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on our way to Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN KARPIS and I stayed at the Orlando Hotel for about ten days, after which time ALVIN told me that he had rented an apartment and purchased some furniture as a surprise for me. Several days later we moved into an apartment located at 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of LOEMAN. We did not see any members of the gang frequently at this time, and I recall that ALVIN KARPIS and myself had Christmas dinner alone at the Teko Inn, a Chinese restaurant located at 71st and Jeffry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. On Christmas night ALVIN KARPIS left the apartment and returned partially intoxicated. I did not know where he had been but later ascertained that he visited at Mother Barker's apartment, located at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago.

I distinctly recall the period of the BREMER kidnapping, and naturally was very much interested in it, and to my recollection ALVIN KARPIS' actions did not at any time make me suspicious that he was connected with that crime. During this period, as I recall, he was away at one time for about a week. Also during this period I recall he did leave home in the early morning and return to the apartment either late that same night or early the next morning before six o'clock.

I cannot recall the exact dates, but I remember that George Ziegler called at our apartment on two or three occasions in January 1934 and several times in February 1934. He would usually come there for breakfast on these occasions and to my recollection he was always dressed in business clothes, and was usually alone on these visits. We were also visited by FRED BARKER several times during this period.

I recall FRED BARKER'S birthday dinner, which was had sometime during the middle of January 1934, and that at this party there were present Mother and FRED BARKER, GEORGE ZIEGLER, and his wife Irene, ALVIN and I, and another couple whose identity I do not know, but whom I believe were from the East, possibly New York City. However, I have no information which can substantiate that. It appeared that this unknown couple were quite friendly with GEORGE ZIEGLER and Irene, and it is possible that Irene knows who they are. I recall that during the course of the evening at this

party we quite freely discussed WILLIE HARRISON'S experience at Hammond, Indiana, in that a girl jumped out of a window in HARRISON'S room to avoid being raped by him.

About the middle of March 1934 ALVIN told me that he was leaving and would be away for several weeks, not stating where he was going. He took with him a small bag containing clothes. While he was away on this trip I visited Mother Barker on several occasions, and on one occasion FRED BARKER was present. This was about a day or so before GEORGE ZIEGLER was killed. I noticed that FRED'S hands were bandaged, and asked him about ALVIN as I believed that they had met up with some accident. FREDDIE told me at this time that ALVIN was all right, and then remarked that ALVIN and I were going to move to Toledo, Ohio. In this connection he stated that PAULA would be over to my apartment to get me the following day and that she would drive me to Toledo where I was to stay with her until I got word either from him or from ALVIN as to what I was to do. About 8:00 A.M. the following morning PAULA came to the apartment. We were cleaning up the apartment before leaving when Mother Barker arrived at about 10:00 A.M. She showed me the newspapers and told me that GEORGE ZIEGLER had been killed; that Irene had been to her apartment that morning and was coming back. I went with Mother Barker to her apartment. Within fifteen minutes Irene Goetz came in and I asked her if she needed any money, and she replied that she did not, that Mother Barker had already given her some money. Irene stayed about an hour, during which time she spoke to Mother Barker, which conversation I did not overhear. She then left stating that she would return later. I returned to my apartment shortly afterwards. PAULA and I completed our packing. We left about 1:00 P.M. that afternoon in FRED'S Ford Coupe for Toledo, Ohio.

Upon arriving in Toledo I moved into PAULA'S apartment on Summit Street, where she had been living for some time. I did not see anyone when PAULA and I arrived in Toledo, Ohio, and about four or five days later FREDDIE BARKER came to the apartment in company with Jimmie Wilson, who drove him up from Chicago. Jimmie Wilson stayed with us for two or three days at this time.

About three or four days later ALVIN KARPIS came to the apartment with Russell Gibson. Gibson left immediately for an unknown destination. I noticed that ALVIN'S fingertips were bandaged and likewise noted a scar on the right side of his face immediately below the lobe of the right ear. During this time FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS were almost helpless, and PAULA HARMON and myself were



with them almost constantly. DOC BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL visited us on several occasions. William Harrison likewise visited us, and on one occasion he drove me in ALVIN'S Pontiac to Chicago, Illinois, where we checked into the Southmoor Hotel under assumed names. ALVIN KARPIS had instructed me before leaving Toledo that we should do that inasmuch as he told me he thought that our Yates Avenue Apartment might be under surveillance by the police or by Government agencies. That afternoon William Harrison and myself visited Mother Barker's apartment on South Shore Drive and that evening we drove to a town the name of which I do not know, located about thirty miles out of Chicago, and visited VOLNEY DAVIS and EDNA MURRAY in their apartment. Two other women whose identity I do not know were likewise present. Thereafter we visited a tavern in a small town, the location of which I do not know, where Harrison was acquainted with most of the customers and employees, and after remaining an hour or so we returned to the Southmoor Hotel. The following day I spent almost the entire day at Mother Barker's apartment, and Harrison called for me at approximately 4:00 P.M.

Willie then drove me out on the West Side of Chicago to an apartment located on or near Washington Boulevard, where he picked up BRYAN BOLTON. The three of us then drove out to Cicero, Illinois, to a furniture store, the location of which I do not now recall. BOLTON went in and returned a few minutes later and stated that he had arranged for somebody to deliver a package to our apartment at 7133 Yates Avenue for the purpose of learning whether the apartment was being watched.

We then left BOLTON off at his apartment, and Willie drove me to the vicinity of 71st and South Shore Drive, where I waited in a drug store. About a half hour later Willie returned and told me that it would be safe for me to go to my apartment, which I did. After packing we proceeded straightway to Toledo, Ohio.

Upon arriving at Toledo, Ohio, we went direct to FRED BARKER'S apartment where PAULA and I found FRED and ALVIN and that same afternoon Willie Harrison assisted ALVIN and myself in obtaining an apartment at the Jarvis Apartments. This was approximately April 10, 1934 and we lived here under the name of ELRAY N. BEAUDRY and wife. Harrison did most of the carrying of the luggage inasmuch as ALVIN was still recuperating from his operation and could not handle any of the baggage. While living

at the Jarvis Apartments DOC BARKER stayed with us for three or four days, and after about two weeks later EDNA MURRAY and VOLNEY DAVIS likewise moved into the apartment. VOLNEY DAVIS at this time had been operated on, and although his fingertips were not bandaged, his fingers were still sore and tender. VOLNEY and EDNA remained for two or three days, during which time EDNA MURRAY located an apartment in Toledo. I recall that one evening during this time VOLNEY DAVIS, JIMMIE WILSON, OLLIE BERG, DOC BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS had dinner in the apartment. This was the first and only time I saw OLLIE BERG.

After locating an apartment, the location of which I do not know, VOLNEY, EDNA, and DOC then moved from our apartment. I recall that ALVIN and myself visited the Casino Club on four or five occasions. We talked with people working in the Club, and I recall meeting two brothers who either worked there or who were owners of the Club. However, I do not recognize the names Ted or Bert Angus. While we were at the Club I likewise saw on several occasions DOC BARKER, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, PAULA HARMON, WILLIAM HARRISON, RUSTY GIBSON, and probably WYNONA BURDETTE. ALVIN KARPIS generally accompanied me to the Club. I do know that the two brothers who were often present at the Club drank with members of the gang, and I likewise know that members of the gang frequently went riding in a boat on the lake; however, I do not know who was the owner of the boat.

About a month after moving into the Jarvis Apartments, on or about May 15, 1934, I made a trip to Chicago by plane to visit Mother Barker and to let her know that DOC and FRED BARKER were all right, FRED having intended visiting his mother but had been unable to do so. I stayed overnight at the Southmoor Hotel, and visited MA BARKER, who was alone; spent that evening with her, and returned to Toledo alone the following day by plane.

Sometime in the middle of May 1934 ALVIN KARPIS and I left Toledo, Ohio, and drove to Cleveland. The reason we left Toledo at this time was to get away from the crowd, inasmuch as everyone was moving into Toledo at this time, and also for the reason that I was in my first stages of pregnancy and ALVIN did not want them to know of my condition and likewise did not want me to associate with the mob.

Upon arriving in Cleveland, Ohio, we passed an apartment building which had a "For Rent" sign on the front of it. This place

I believe was on 159 Street immediately off of Euclid Avenue. ALVIN drove past this place and told me to take a cab back to the apartment house and inquire whether they had any apartments vacant, which I did. I rented one and ALVIN and I immediately moved into it, and inasmuch as the manager of the building did not ask us for our name we did not give them any. We remained in this apartment for approximately one month, and after a week or so from our arrival in Cleveland, ALVIN KARPIS drove to Toledo, Ohio, and returned with FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON. They lived with us for about three days at this time and then moved to another apartment somewhere in Cleveland, the address of which I do not know. I visited their apartment on only one occasion.

While living in Cleveland, Ohio, around this period I made a trip to Chicago, Illinois, by plane to pick up some mail at the post office which ALVIN KARPIS apparently expected to receive at General Delivery. Upon arriving at Chicago I proceeded direct to Mother Barker's apartment and visited with her for several hours. She asked me about the boys and everybody in general. After I left Mother Barker's apartment I proceeded to downtown Chicago to pick up the mail at the post office, and en route I thought that two men were following me, and in order to lose them I made several trips around Chicago and finally did lose them in the Worlds Fair grounds. As a result of this observation I did not desire to pick up the mail at the post office, and that same evening I returned to Cleveland, Ohio, by plane. Upon my return to Cleveland I told ALVIN KARPIS about my observations as above indicated, and he conjectured that they were police officers. I never returned to Chicago, Illinois, for the mail in question, and it is my belief that ALVIN sent someone else after it.

ALVIN KARPIS at this time stated that he was going to rent an unfurnished apartment and he apparently did so inasmuch as he took me out to visit it. This house was located on Flamingo Street. I had purchased furniture for the house at various furniture stores in Cleveland, and about two weeks later had it delivered and we moved into the house. A few days after moving FRED BARKER visited the house, alone, and thereafter he visited us on several occasions. On one occasion PAULA HARMON was with him.

On or about June 1, 1934 ALVIN KARPIS drove me to the Cleveland Hotel, stating that he was going to meet some friends. In my presence he asked the room clerk in what room MR. JAMES was living, and upon being advised he and I went to that room and there met HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER and their little daughter Francine.

HARRY SAWYER asked ALVIN what had been keeping him; that he had been waiting for him for two days at the hotel. After talking with them for awhile ALVIN invited HARRY SAWYER, his wife Gladys and daughter Francine, to live with us until they located an apartment in Cleveland, Ohio. That same evening ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY SAWYER left and later Gladys, Francine, and I departed from the hotel and went to our home. HARRY and Gladys remained with us at our place overnight, and on the following day PAULA HARMON came over, after which Gladys, Paula, and myself proceeded to the Cleveland Hotel to check out the SAWYERS. At that time the floor clerk stated that a long distance telephone call from New York City had come to the hotel for MR. and MRS. FRANK JAMES during their absence, and that the party calling gave the room in which they were registered. Gladys remarked to Paula and myself that she could not understand who could have made this call because nobody knew where she and HARRY SAWYER were, and was greatly worried about this call, and in conversation with Paula and myself she mentioned the possibility that it might have been "The coppers" checking up on them.

We then took the baggage and made a roundabout trip to our home, figuring that we possibly might be followed, and when we arrived there we told HARRY SAWYER and ALVIN about the call. They both were very much worried concerning it, HARRY being especially so, and thereafter ALVIN went to a public telephone and called the long distance telephone operator, asking her whether anyone had called MR. JAMES at the Cleveland Hotel. He was advised by the operator that she had no record of such a call. ALVIN told HARRY about this but he still was very much worried about the call as he still insisted that no one knew that he and his wife were living at the Cleveland Hotel.

During the time HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living with us FRED BARKER and PAULA HARMON visited us on several occasions, and quite frequently HARRY, GLADYS, and ALVIN visited FREDDIE and PAULA at their apartment in Cleveland, the address of which I do not know. I did not visit their apartment during this period as I did not get along very well with PAULA and on the occasions HARRY, GLADYS, and ALVIN were away I remained at home with Francine.

On one occasion while HARRY and GLADYS SAWYER were living at our house I can recall that a large commercial airplane was broadcasting above the city. As it passed over our house

HARRY SAWYER looked up and stated that it was possible that there might have been "coppers" in the airplane, and actually seemed afraid that they might be looking down at him.

About the first part of July or the latter part of June 1934 ALVIN and myself moved into a house on West 140th Street, the exact address of which I do not know. After we had been in the house about a week WILLIAM HARRISON moved in with us. PAULA HARMON and FRED BARKER visited us on one occasion with HARRY CAMPBELL, GLADYS and HARRY SAWYER. Because I did not especially care for PAULA HARMON and was a bit incensed that she should visit my home, I remained in the kitchen and did not overhear any of the conversations had by my visitors.

During this time ALVIN KARPIS took me to a gambling place located on the outskirts of Cleveland. This place was a large gambling house having a large parking lot located immediately outside. I recall that on the first occasion that ALVIN took me there he had said "Hello" to the man at the front door as though he had been previously acquainted with him. Thereafter ALVIN took me there on several occasions and I frequently visited it alone. On one occasion I saw PAULA and FREDDIE there but I did not speak to them.

While living at this house ALVIN and myself drove out to BILL WEAVER'S cottage located outside of Sandusky, Ohio. I recall that BILL WEAVER and MYRTLE EATON were there and several other of the gang whose identities I cannot now recall. ALVIN got out of the car but I did not. After remaining about a quarter of an hour we returned to Cleveland, Ohio. On another occasion we again visited WEAVER'S cottage. EDNA MURRAY and possibly VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIE HARRISON, and BILL WEAVER were there, and MYRTLE EATON prepared dinner for us. After dinner ALVIN and myself returned to Cleveland, Ohio.

On or about September 5, 1934 ALVIN and I went to bed about 9:00 P.M. WILLIE HARRISON, who had been living with us, left Cleveland, Ohio, with some of his clothes four or five days previous. I do not know where he went. At about 11:00 P.M., while ALVIN and I were in bed, HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER and DOC BARKER came to the house. ALVIN went to the door to let them in. At this time FRED told ALVIN that WYNONA BURDETTE, GLADYS SAWYER, PAULA HARMON and I had been arrested, and ALVIN stated that I was not arrested, that I was in bed. FREDDIE then told ALVIN that Wynona, Gladys, and Paula were arrested.



at the Cleveland Hotel for causing some sort of a disturbance. ALVIN thereupon told me to get dressed and go into the living room and maintain a lookout. HARRY CAMPBELL and DOC BARKER laid down to get some sleep while FRED and ALVIN talked privately, none of which conversation I overheard. About an hour or so later ALVIN and FRED went out and returned about 45 minutes later stating that there were cops and squad cars all around FRED'S house. I was still maintaining a watch when I observed at about 4:30 A.M. two police squad cars drive slowly by the house, and it appeared that they were watching our place. They apparently drove up the block some distance and returned again driving slowly by the house. I immediately called to ALVIN and told him of what I had seen. He then instructed me to start packing the things that we would absolutely need and to forget about the rest. I started to pack and about fifteen minutes later ALVIN awakened FREDDIE, DOC and HARRY and we departed at about shortly before 5:00 A.M. in three automobiles. ALVIN and I drove away in our Pontiac coupe.

We drove out on the highway and by pre-arrangement met the other two cars, which had taken different routes from the one we took. I got into the Pontiac and ALVIN, FRED and DOC BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL got into the other two cars. ALVIN thereupon instructed me to drive to Toledo, Ohio, and to check into the Algeo Hotel where he would telephone me. I thereupon drove to Toledo and checked into the hotel as instructed. That afternoon ALVIN telephoned me and I met him downtown. He told me to take a train to Chicago and to register at the Southmoor Hotel. I took a train to Chicago and on my arrival registered at the Southmoor Hotel and waited for ALVIN to get in touch with me. Two days after my arrival ALVIN telephoned me and told me to get an apartment on the North Side of Chicago; that he would call me back the following day. I thereupon got an apartment located on Diversey Avenue, possibly in the Diversey Park Arms Hotel. ALVIN called me at the Southmoor Hotel the following day and I met him outside the hotel. We went to Mother Barker's apartment and Mother Barker accompanied us to the apartment I had rented on Diversey Avenue, where we registered under a fictitious name as mother and daughter. ALVIN KARPIS stayed outside and left immediately after we had registered. We stayed at this apartment, and after approximately two days Russell Gibson and Willie Harrison called at this apartment for a short while. A couple of nights later ALVIN KARPIS called at the apartment and told me to pack our belongings, that we were going to Miami, Florida. He then told Mother Barker that FRED BARKER would see her in a couple of days.

At this time ALVIN gave me six \$1000 bills which he told me to keep. He did not tell me where he had gotten this money, nor do I know at the present time where he obtained it.

ALVIN and I left that night for Miami, Florida. A few miles outside of Chicago, probably near Gary, Indiana, we stopped at a gas station along the road. WILLIE HARRISON was there and he introduced me to a girl named Ruth. I do not know who this woman is. We stayed for about a half hour, during which time Ruth and I casually talked together and WILLIE and ALVIN talked alone. Upon leaving WILLIE said he would see us sometime soon. Ruth apparently had met ALVIN before inasmuch as he was not introduced to her and they acted as though they were not strangers to one another.

On the way we did not stop off at any place or see anyone with whom ALVIN was apparently acquainted, and on our arrival in Miami, Florida, we proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel. ALVIN asked the room clerk for Mr. Adams. When told Mr. Adams was not there he left word to be notified when Adams returned. I later gathered from the conversation of ALVIN and WILLIE HARRISON that WILLIE had been friendly with Adams prior to our coming to Miami and had referred ALVIN to Mr. Adams. We checked into Room 1005 under the name of WAGNER. An hour and a half or two hours later Adams called ALVIN on the telephone. ALVIN went downstairs apparently to see Adams and I went shopping. On my return ALVIN told me that we were going to Havana, Cuba, in the morning; that Adams was taking care of the tickets for us.

The following morning ALVIN went downstairs and returned with two letters of reference, one addressed to Nathaniel Heller, Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, and the other addressed to George Harris, American Bar, Havana, Cuba, and our tickets to Havana, which ALVIN told me Mr. Adams had gotten for us. I inquired of ALVIN what he intended to do with our Ford Coupe, and he stated he was leaving it with Mr. Adams, who would get rid of it. We packed our baggage and on leaving we met Mr. Adams in the lobby. Adams referred to ALVIN as RAY, and ALVIN introduced me as his wife. We left immediately, proceeding by train and boat, arriving in Havana the same evening.

Upon our arrival we registered at the Parkview Hotel under the name of WAGNER. After cleaning up we went downstairs to the bar, where we met Mr. Heller. ALVIN gave him the letter which introduced us as MR. and MRS. WAGNER, good friends of Mr. Adams, who

was the writer of the letter. The same evening we went to the American Bar where ALVIN presented to George Harris ALVIN'S letter of reference, which letter was similar in wording to the one addressed to Mr. Heller. We stayed but a short while and then returned to the hotel. We stayed at this hotel for approximately a week and during this time we frequently visited the American Bar.

At about this time ALVIN and I rented a cab and drove to Varadero Beach, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Bermudez, who aided us in renting a cottage. We finally located a cottage owned by a Cuban family and arranged for its rental and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba. About two weeks after our arrival we moved into the house. This was around the first part of October 1934. We rented the cottage under the name of E. H. WAGNER. We lived at Varadero Beach until November 15, 1934, during which time we were visited on one occasion by Mother Barker, who came to Cuba to look over the country as she thought she might want to live there. We were also visited on one occasion by George Harris, above mentioned, and his wife. They remained with us for two days and two nights. Also during this period, that is, while living at Varadero Beach, ALVIN and I made several trips to Havana, Cuba, on which occasions we visited George Harris and his wife.

On one occasion while in Havana, Nathaniel Heller took me to a Ford agency and he told the salesman that I wanted a Ford Sedan. I thereupon purchased a Ford Sedan, paying \$1074.00 for it in cash, consisting of American money. Heller thereupon took me to Marinao, a town located outside of Havana, where I registered the car under the name of DOLORES WAGNER.

While at Varadero Beach ALVIN mentioned that he was expecting to either see or hear from WILLIE HARRISON and wondered what was keeping him. About this time ALVIN had received a couple of cablegrams addressed to him, under the name, I believe, of WAGNER. I do not know where these cablegrams were sent from nor do I know who the sender was.

One day ALVIN asked me to write a letter for him. He then dictated a letter, which I wrote and addressed to Mr. Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. In this letter ALVIN inquired concerning WILLIE and "that party". I have no idea of the identity of "that party" but I do not believe it referred to any of the gang inasmuch as he would undoubtedly have mentioned them



under the name they were using at the El Comodoro Hotel. I have been shown a letter addressed to Mr. Adams, signed by Mr. Wagner, which I recognize as being identical with the above mentioned letter, which I wrote and which was dictated to me by ALVIN KARPIS. I notice that the top of the first page of this letter, which I believe I dated, has been torn off. I feel certain that I likewise addressed the envelope containing the letter to Mr. Adams in care of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. A day or two after I wrote the above mentioned letter ALVIN stated that he had received a cablegram at Varadero Beach under the name of WAGNER from Adams at Miami, Florida. I saw this cablegram, which stated that WILLIE had not been there (referring to Miami, Florida) and Adams had no idea where WILLIE was.

Likewise during this period, at the suggestion of ALVIN KARPIS, George Harris arranged for us the rental of a safety deposit box at the National City Bank of New York at Havana, Cuba, which box we obtained under the name of E. N. WAGNER. Under the instructions of ALVIN, I placed in the box five \$1000 bills, which was the same money ALVIN had given me in Chicago.

With reference to the sixth \$1000 bill which ALVIN had given me in Chicago, I may state that on our arrival at Miami, Florida, ALVIN asked me for a \$1000 bill, which I gave him. Although we were only in Miami overnight, on our arrival in Havana, Cuba, ALVIN had only about \$250 from the \$1000 bill. I do not know of any expensive purchases or in what way ALVIN could have spent this money unless he gave it to someone for some purpose of which I do not have definite knowledge. H-14-34

On one occasion I went to Miami, Florida, in company with Nathaniel Heller, as at that time we were planning on moving to Miami and possibly live there and wait for the baby to be born. The reason I went to Miami with Mr. Heller at this time was due to the fact that he at that time mentioned that he was likewise going to Miami and ALVIN believed that it would be best if I go with him rather than go by myself. On this trip Mr. Heller and I travelled by boat, and upon our arrival in Miami both Mr. Heller and I registered at the El Comodoro Hotel. On arriving at the hotel I asked for Mr. Adams but was told he was out of town. ALVIN had told me before leaving Varadero Beach to get in touch with Mr. Adams, who would help me in locating a house or apartment in Miami where we could live, inasmuch as I did not know anything about the city of Miami. At the hotel I was given Room 1005 and Mr. Heller occupied

the adjoining room, No. 1004, although I did not know this until the following morning when I met him in the hallway. I believe this was around the latter part of October 1934. While in Miami, Florida, I spent several days looking for an apartment but did not find any one that suited my desires. Also on this trip Mr. Heller accompanied me on one occasion to purchase an American pet bull dog, which we called "Wimpy."

Prior to my leaving Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, on this trip ALVIN KARPIS instructed me to ascertain whether Mother Barker and FREDDIE were residing at the El Commodore Hotel, and on the day I registered I inquired for them under the name they were registered, which name I do not now recall. I was advised by the clerk that they had checked out several days previously. As stated before, I remained in Miami, Florida, for three or four days and thereupon returned to Havana, Cuba, with my dog "Wimpy" by plane. Upon arriving in Havana I proceeded to the Parkview Hotel and telephoned ALVIN at Varadero Beach to pick me up, which he did. Nov 4-34

About ten days or possibly two weeks later ALVIN left Varadero one morning at around eight or nine o'clock for Havana, Cuba. He returned home at midnight that same day and told me that we were going to move immediately as he had heard that the "G" were in Havana. We packed our things that night and left Varadero at six or seven o'clock the next morning, and upon our arrival in Havana we drove about the city and did not go near the Parkview Hotel. ALVIN instructed me to proceed to Miami by plane and to pick him up either the next day or the day after at Homestead, Florida, stating that he was going to proceed to Key West, Florida, by boat and then travel by train from Key West to Homestead, Florida, which town is located about thirty miles outside of Miami. I proceeded to Miami, Florida. Upon my arrival there I registered at a small hotel about three blocks from the El Commodore Hotel. ALVIN had told me not to register at the El Commodore but to check in some other hotel and then inquire at the El Commodore to ascertain whether any of the rest of the gang were there. I followed his instructions, and after checking into this small hotel mentioned above, I went to the El Commodore Hotel and inquired at the desk for Mother Barker and FRED BARKER under the fictitious names which they were then using, which names I do not now recall. The clerk advised me that they were not there but that their friends, the Summers, were living in the hotel. Believing that the Summers were persons connected with our crowd, I proceeded to their room, which was Room 1005, and met WYNONA BURDETTE there. This was the first time I had seen WYNONA since their departure from Toledo. I stayed with WYNONA in her room overnight. Dec 4-34

ALVIN had told me before we left Havana that I should see Mr. Adams about borrowing an automobile which I could use in meeting him at Homestead, Florida. On the following morning I went downstairs to see Mr. Adams, who was busy at the time. While waiting for him WILLIE HARRISON came into the lobby. We talked together for a while and then went into Mr. Adams' office together. On entering Adams said, "Hello, Willie", and Adams addressed me as Dolores. I do not know from whom he ascertained the name Dolores inasmuch as I was always registered at the hotel under the name of MRS. E. N. WAGNER, and only members of the gang knew my name to be Dolores and addressed me as such. I asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie" and "Mother". He told me he would try to get in touch with them for me. Upon mentioning the borrowing of a car Willie told me that I could use the car which he and DOC BARKER had. Adams asked concerning "RAY" and I told him I was going to meet him down at Homestead, Florida. Adams then mentioned to Willie that George and his wife were registered at the hotel. Adams apparently had reference to HARRY CAMPBELL and WYNONA BURDETTE. We left shortly thereafter and WILLIE told me that he and DOC BARKER had just arrived in Miami that morning. WILLIE and I then went up to WYNONA'S room and later the three of us went to WILLIE'S room, which was Room 405, where we saw DOC BARKER.

That evening in DOC and WILLIE'S car I went to Homestead and picked up ALVIN as he got off the train, and returned with him to Miami. We did not register at the El Commodore Hotel at this time but went up to WILLIE HARRISON'S room. I know that ALVIN did not register but that later the same evening we somehow obtained Room No. 404, the room adjoining Room No. 405, which was occupied by DOC and WILLIE. ALVIN told WILLIE and DOC what had happened in Havana, stating he had recognized a "G" man in the Parkview Hotel as he was registering. This was the same story he had told me in Cuba and which was the reason prompting us to leave Cuba. WYNONA BURDETTE, WILLIE HARRISON, DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS and myself were all together in Room 405 that evening, where we engaged in general conversation. This was about December 10, 1934. I did not see Adams that night, but the following day ALVIN went downstairs to see Adams. I believe that he did see Adams but I do not know what conversation was had between them.

About three or four days later DOC BARKER and WILLIE HARRISON left Miami, Florida, by automobile for parts unknown and the same day shortly after their departure Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, and HARRY CAMPBELL arrived in Miami, Florida, and checked into Rooms 904 and 905 at the El Commodore Hotel. FRED BARKER had

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ADAMS  
NOTE: AT 1:17 PM ON DEC 6-34 ADAMS  
SENT A WIRE TO BLACKBURN TO WIT  
"PHONE ME"  
THIS MAY HAVE  
BEEN AT KARPIS  
REQUEST.

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a quantity of fish with him which he claimed he caught on a lake where he and his mother were living, and either that same day or the following day we had a fish dinner in one of our rooms, and present at this dinner were Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WYNONA BURDETTE, and myself. That same evening I became very ill and believed that the baby was about to be born. ALVIN called the desk clerk and had them send a doctor to our room to examine me. The doctor likewise believed that I would soon give birth to the baby and suggested that I immediately get in touch with Dr. Nichols, who had been attending me.

Dec 11 '34  
On the following day Mother Barker, FRED BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE, left Miami for Oklawaha, Florida. ALVIN and I continued to live at the El Comodoro Hotel for several days thereafter. Around this period Joe Adams, who was at this time the Manager of the hotel, told ALVIN and I in our room that he wanted us to keep in our room as much as possible and did not want us running in and out of the hotel, and in order to keep us company sent a large radio up to our room. Some days later ALVIN told me that we were going out to rent a house. Mr. Adams, ALVIN, and I went down to a car, where Adams told us that he had located a house which he thought would please us. Adams then drove us out to the house, where Adams introduced us as MR. and MRS. GREEN to Mrs. Thomas, the owner. We rented the house and I believe ALVIN then paid Mrs. Thomas \$750.00 rental for the season. On the way back Adams remarked that he had introduced us as MR. and MRS. GREEN because he had forgotten to ask ALVIN beforehand what name he wanted to use and that GREEN was the first name that came to his mind. I recall signing the lease for the rental of this house under the name of MRS. S. A. GREEN.

A few days after ALVIN and I moved to the above-mentioned house, Joe Adams drove ALVIN KARPIS to Oklawaha, Florida, to visit with FRED BARKER, MOTHER BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE, as at this time ALVIN did not have a car of his own. ALVIN returned the following day with FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL. ALVIN later told me that Adams did not stay overnight at Oklawaha but returned to Miami shortly after he arrived there. FRED and HARRY remained with us for about five days before returning to Oklawaha, during which time they did a great deal of fishing. Thereafter I did not frequent many places or make any visits as I was very sick and was expecting our baby any day.

About a week or so before Christmas FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL came to Miami, Florida, and visited with us. They

brought with them a quantity of baby clothes which were from Mother Barker and Wynona Burdette. They remained at our home for about two days on this occasion. I recall that during this time Adams visited our house and he talked with ALVIN, FRED, and HARRY in the living room outside of my hearing. After remaining about a half hour Adams left.

I distinctly recall Christmas day and on this day, sometime in the afternoon, ALVIN received a telephone call from a party called JOE. I overheard him ask the party calling what time they would be there, and from the conversation which followed I gathered that these people would be at our house right away. After ALVIN hung up the telephone he told me that I should prepare dinner for two more people, but did not volunteer any further information concerning them. About five minutes later he left the house apparently to meet them someplace but returned alone about ten minutes later stating that he did not see them. However, a short time later, while I was in the kitchen with Theresa Carmichael, who was working for us as a maid and nurse, I heard voices and went to the front part of the house. Standing near the front door was ALVIN and a tall grey-haired man dressed in sport clothes with a Panama hat. ALVIN merely said, "This is my wife" and introduced him to me under the name of Mr. CRAWFORD. This man stated that he had heard that we were expecting an heir. I cannot recall any reply that I made.

While at the front door I noticed a large automobile parked in front of the house, and I recall that someone was sitting in the car, although I do not know whether it was a man or a woman. I believe I went to the rear of the house inasmuch as I did not see this man again, and a few minutes afterwards ALVIN came back to the dining room and told me that the man and his companion had left, that they could not stay for dinner because they had a previous engagement. I cannot recall any further conversation had with ALVIN concerning the identity of these people.

I have been shown a photograph of CASSIUS McDONALD wherein he is wearing a Panama hat, and I can only state that the person represented in the photograph bears a resemblance to the man who visited us on Christmas day.

Sometime about New Years day in January 1935 DOC BARKER and RUSSELL GIBSON called at our home and delivered a white pit bull dog named "Tuffy" which I had left in Cleveland with FRED and DOC



BARKER. DOC and RUSSELL GIBSON stated that they had either seen Mother Barker and FRED BARKER or would see them on their way back. They stayed about three days and went fishing with ALVIN every day. DOC BARKER and RUSSELL GIBSON did not indicate where they were living, and after three days they left. During the early part of January 1935, while I was downtown visiting my doctor, I read in the newspaper of RUSSELL GIBSON being killed in Chicago while resisting arrest by Government Agents.

On the night of January 13, 1935 WYNONA BURDETTE and HARRY CAMPBELL came to our house. At that time they did not know of Gibson's death until I had told them of it. Before coming to our house they had checked into the El Commodore Hotel, but ALVIN, believing it would be safer for them to stay at our house, invited them to live with us. On the following day I went to the El Commodore Hotel with Wynona and assisted her in checking out of the hotel. HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN went fishing every day and HARRY intended returning to Oklawaha, Florida, on both January 15th and 16th but was prevailed upon by ALVIN to remain inasmuch as he desired HARRY to accompany him fishing.

On January 16, 1935, while HARRY and ALVIN were fishing, at approximately 10:00 A.M., Wynona and myself heard over the radio that it was believed that two of the BREMER kidnapers had been trapped in a house which was then being gassed. About an hour later we heard over the radio that MA and FRED BARKER had been killed in a house at Oklawaha, Florida.

At 3:00 P.M. the telephone rang and someone called asking for RAY GREEN, and when I told him it was RAY GREEN'S wife and that RAY GREEN, meaning ALVIN, was not there, this unknown party, whom I later learned to be DUKE RANDALL, told us to get out of town immediately. Wynona and I immediately packed our baggage, put it in our car, and kept driving around the neighborhood until about 7:30 P.M. At that time we met ALVIN and HARRY, who were returning from fishing, on the street near our house. I told them what had happened. ALVIN and HARRY left after telling us to follow them. When we got out into the country I told them of Mother Barker and FRED BARKER'S death and the telephone call, whereupon ALVIN and HARRY left and returned in about an hour. They told Wynona and myself to drive their car to a dog track to get DUKE RANDALL and to bring him to a street near the race track where ALVIN and HARRY would be. We went to the race track, and not finding DUKE RANDALL

outside, Wynona went inside and on her return stated that DUKE was not able to leave the track at that time and to have ALVIN come out to the track to see him. Wynona and I thereupon left and met HARRY and ALVIN in the spot outside of Miami where we had formerly conversed and told them what had happened. They left without further words and did not return for an hour and a half. With them in another car was DUKE RANDALL. All of us thereupon went to a point further outside of Miami where we parked our cars. Wynona and I stayed in the car and HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS, and DUKE RANDALL conversed near one of the other cars.

At that time I had \$500.00, most of which I gave to ALVIN, who told me that DUKE RANDALL would give me \$1000 the following morning. He thereupon told Wynona and I to follow DUKE, who would take us to some place where we could spend the night, and instructed us that we were to take a train in the morning for Atlantic City, where we were to register at the Danmore Hotel, and that I was to use the name of LOUISE GRAHAM. ALVIN stated that he would get in touch with us at that hotel.

Shortly after this conversation Wynona and I, in HARRY'S Ford Sedan, followed DUKE RANDALL in his Ford Coupe, which I believe was likewise owned by ALVIN KARPIS, to the Ti-Miami Hotel, which hotel was located near the El Commodore Hotel. DUKE RANDALL took us into the hotel and introduced us to the clerk as his sisters. He then took us to his room, where we stayed overnight. While in DUKE'S room he showed Wynona and myself a pistol which he carried in a shoulder holster, and made the remark, "Put your glimmers on this rod". He also showed us at this time a badge which was pinned on his vest and remarked that he was wearing it for protection. He also stated, "I am lamming from a murder rap in New Joisey". DUKE thereupon pulled me to one side and asked whether I was afraid when I received the telephone call that afternoon telling me to get out. I told him that I was not, and that I was too used to that to be frightened. He then said that he would like to get in with the boys, and inquired whether they were as tough as they were cracked up to be. DUKE departed after this conversation stating that we would be safe at this hotel and that he would see us the following morning.

On the next morning DUKE came to our room and while Wynona was in the bathroom he gave me an envelope which contained \$800, stating that Adams could not get the money from where he was

supposed to; also that Adams had taken this money from the hotel and that he, Adams, would try to get the remainder of it to me some time. DUKE also gave me at this time a sealed note addressed to the people at the Danmore Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey, stating in this connection that the note stated that these people, meaning Wynona and myself, were good friends of his and that they should take care of us. I recall that the \$800 which DUKE gave me were in \$100, \$50, and \$20 denominations. I thereupon gave DUKE \$200 of the \$800 which he had given me for the purchase of our railroad tickets and a drawing room to Atlantic City. He went out and returned with the tickets shortly thereafter and gave me approximately \$50 in change from the \$200 I had given him. DUKE then took us downstairs and got a taxi cab for us.

Wynona and I boarded the train about 9:00 A.M., the date being January 17, 1935, and arrived in Philadelphia the following afternoon. We thereupon got a train for Atlantic City and arrived late that afternoon and checked into the Danmore Hotel under the name of LOUISE GRAHAM, as ALVIN had instructed me. I delivered the note which DUKE had given me to a man who appeared to be the manager and he stated that he hoped that we would be comfortable during our stay at his hotel. Wynona and I ate dinner and went to bed. About two or three o'clock the following morning a knock sounded on the door and when I opened it I found ALVIN KARPIS, who stated that they had just arrived in town and were registered in another room. We had little conversation at this time, ALVIN KARPIS stating that he would see us in the morning. He left and returned at eight or nine o'clock that morning with HARRY. Later that morning ALVIN went out and purchased a suit and an overcoat. We stayed at the hotel until late that afternoon, when Wynona and I went out and bought some clothes.

The day after ALVIN and HARRY arrived in Atlantic City I told ALVIN what DUKE had told me about the money and he said it was O.K. Our conversation then drifted to the killing of Mother and FRED BARKER, and ALVIN remarked that he later learned that Adams had warned them three or four different times to get out and stay out but they did not heed his warnings.

ALVIN also told me at this time that when I was with Wynona at the time she checked out of the El Commodore Hotel on January 14, 1935 there were "G" men sitting in the lobby of the hotel. He did not volunteer the source of this information.



I also asked ALVIN at this time what DUKE was doing with our Ford Coupe; that I thought Adams was to have gotten rid of it, and ALVIN replied that he told Adams to destroy it but later found out that he had given it to DUKE for his personal use. ALVIN also told me at this time that of the \$2000 which ALVIN had left some time previously with Joe Adams at the El Commodore Hotel for safekeeping, and which \$2000 was a part of the six \$1000 bills he gave me in Chicago, there still remained one \$1000 bill at the hotel. ALVIN told me at this time that I could go down and get this money which Adams was holding when I needed it.

I have previously related to Government Agents my activities and the activities of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and WYNONA BURDETTE subsequent to this time.

I have read the foregoing statement, which consists of 25 pages, and here sign to vouch for its truth.

Witnesses:

(s) JOHN L. MADALA, Special Agent, (signed) DOLORES De LANEY  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, DOLORES De LANEY  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

(s) D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice."

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Two copies of the above quoted statement were transmitted to the Bureau by the St. Paul Bureau Office on January 28, 1936. The original and additional copies of this statement are being retained in the Chicago Bureau Office files.

With reference to the first statement obtained from Dolores De Laney, which is not being set out herein for the reason that it contains in most part substantially the same information as is contained in her second statement, same is being likewise retained in the Chicago Bureau Office files.

In addition to the above signed statement Dolores De Laney furnished the following additional information to Special Agent Sullivan and the writer:

She stated that since she was committed to the Federal Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, she received information through a source which she refused to divulge that after Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell escaped from the police at Atlantic City, New Jersey, they went to Cleveland, Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, and someplace out West to find refuge, but were turned away because the persons whom they contacted refused to harbor them for the reason that they were too "hot" at that time.

When questioned as to the places to which Karpis and Campbell possibly went, Dolores De Laney stated that there are only two places in Cleveland that she knows of where Karpis might possibly find refuge; that one of these places is the Harvard Club and the other place is a small tavern. In connection with the latter place Dolores De Laney advised that Willie Harrison introduced Karpis into this place, and that subsequently she and Karpis frequented this place on several occasions; that it was her observation that Karpis was well acquainted with the employees at this tavern. She further stated that this tavern is located outside of the downtown district of Cleveland, Ohio, one block off of Euclid Avenue; that in leaving the downtown district of Cleveland going out on Euclid Avenue, one crosses a bridge, and immediately beyond this bridge there is a street which runs off Euclid Avenue diagonally; that this tavern is located on the far right-hand corner of the first block which intersects this diagonal street. She further stated that in this tavern there is a small bar with a few tables in the front of the place and several tables and chairs in a back room.

Agent, at the direction of Dolores De Laney, made a sketch showing the approximate location of the above-mentioned tavern, which sketch was forwarded to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Cleveland, Ohio, on January 30, 1936, for his assistance in the investigation which is now underway at Cleveland, Ohio, in an effort to locate and apprehend Subjects Karpis and Campbell.

With reference to the Harvard Club, Dolores De Laney was questioned at great length regarding any persons whom she might know who are connected with that place; and in this connection the names Art Hebrebrand and "Shimmy" Patton were mentioned to her. She stated that to her recollection she has never met Art Hebrebrand or "Shimmy" Patton,

nor did she recall Alvin Karpis at any time mentioning their names to her. She stated, however, that Karpis was well-known to the several employees working at the Harvard Club, but she could furnish no information with respect to the identities of any of these persons.

When questioned as to the most likely places where Karpis and Campbell would attempt to find refuge at Toledo, Ohio, Dolores De Laney advised that the two brothers who own and operate the Casino Club in that city were very friendly with Karpis and other members of the mob and it is entirely possible that Karpis and Campbell went to them for refuge after their escape from Atlantic City.

Dolores De Laney was also questioned at length regarding the possible identity of "the place out West" which she mentioned, as noted above, and she advised that Reno, Nevada, was the only place which she can think of where Karpis and Campbell might go for aid. In this connection she stated that Karpis was very friendly with the people who operated several gambling places in Reno, Nevada, during the time they resided there in the fall of 1933. The names of Walter Graham and James McKay were mentioned to Dolores De Laney, but she could furnish no information with respect to these individuals.

In mentioning places in Reno where Alvin Karpis was known, Dolores De Laney stated that there was a small tavern which she and Karpis frequently visited during the time they resided at Reno; that this tavern was located on the street to the rear of the Bank Club, and that the tavern was located almost directly behind the Bank Club. She could furnish no information regarding the identities of the persons who were employed at this tavern, but stated that Karpis appeared to be known to them.

Further information provided by Dolores De Laney to Agents disclosed that while she and Alvin Karpis were living on Flamingo Street in Cleveland, Ohio, Karpis on one occasion displayed to her a commission card bearing his photograph and which identified him as a private investigator for a detective agency which sounded like it might have been the Noonan Detective Agency. She stated that the photograph appearing on this card was an excellent likeness of Karpis, but upon further questioning she stated she did not know where this photograph was taken, nor could she advise under what circumstances Karpis obtained this commission card. Dolores denied being acquainted with anyone in Cleveland, Ohio, by the name of Frank Noonan or anyone identified with that private detective agency and could furnish no

information concerning the pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency found by Bureau Agents in their home at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. She stated, however, that Alvin Karpis might have obtained these pay envelopes and carried them on his person for identification purposes.

Dolores De Laney further advised that while they were living in Cleveland, Ohio, she purchased a vacuum cleaner, and when the cleaner was delivered to her she gave the salesman four \$10.00 notes issued on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California; that this salesman apparently became suspicious because of the type of the notes and made inquiries of Mr. Mitchell of the Mitchell Realty Company, Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the identity of his tenants. This information was subsequently relayed to Alvin Karpis by Mr. Mitchell, and when the salesman returned to their home several days later Alvin Karpis exhibited to him the commission card in question and threatened to have him put in jail if he continued to annoy them.

A photograph of Milton Lett was exhibited to Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette. Dolores De Laney advised that the person appearing in the photograph seemed very familiar to her but she was unable to state where she had seen him, stating, however, that it is possible she saw him at the Harvard Club during the time she and Karpis frequented that gambling place during the summer of 1934. Wynona Burdette stated that she had never seen the man represented in the photograph of Milton Lett, and in neither case was the name of Milton Lett mentioned to Dolores De Laney or Wynona Burdette.

In connection with the small night club at Las Vegas, Nevada, which Dolores De Laney stated that she and Alvin Karpis frequented during the time they visited Las Vegas in the fall of 1933, as mentioned in her written statement, Dolores De Laney stated that this night club was located a block or two from the Sal Sagev Hotel at Las Vegas; that as she recalls it was a small night club, described as follows: On entering there was a bar running lengthwise along the left wall to the front of the tavern; immediately opposite were several slot machines; to the rear there were a few tables and chairs and a small place to dance, and in the right rear corner as one faced the rear of the place a small three-piece orchestra was located. Dolores De Laney stated that on first entering the place Karpis spoke to either the owner or the employee who was on duty, who apparently was previously acquainted with Karpis; that during the time they were at Las Vegas they frequented this tavern frequently, and that she

believed that Karpis had previously been acquainted with either the owner or the employee at this place.

Dolores De Laney stated that she did not believe Alvin Karpis was acquainted with anyone in the gambling place located next-door to the Sal Sagev Hotel, which was frequented by her and Alvin Karpis.

In connection with the small tavern located around the corner from the William Taylor Hotel in San Francisco, California, which as mentioned in the statement of Dolores De Laney was frequented by Alvin Karpis and herself, and at which place Karpis was apparently well-known, attention is invited to the report of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated November 21, 1935, setting out interviews had with John Moyles, owner of the Bank Cafe at San Francisco, and with Louis "Bones" Tambini and Anthony "Soap" Moreno. All three of these persons upon interview denied being acquainted with Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, or the members of this gang. However, it is to be noted that when Alvin Karpis rented his apartment at 7133 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, he gave as a reference a wine company located at 34 Hyde Street, San Francisco, California, which John Moyles admitted operating. Both "Soap" Moreno and Louis Tambini were employed at that time in this speakeasy. Likewise, previous investigation by the San Francisco Office indicated that advertising matter from the Auburn Sales Agency at San Francisco, from which Alvin Karpis purchased an Auburn Sedan during the time he resided at Reno, Nevada, was delivered to him under the name of Lohman at 34 Hyde Street.

It will be recalled that Joseph Raymond "Fatso" Negri stated that in the fall of 1933 Louis Tambini showed him some guns that were being kept at the 34 Hyde Street address, which guns he described as belonging to an Eastern mob. It is to be noted that Tambini, Moreno, and Moyles have all denied knowing anything concerning the above-mentioned guns, and likewise have denied knowing any of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

It is believed that further investigation should be conducted at San Francisco in order that that office may be advised should Karpis or Campbell contact any of the above-named individuals.

It will also be recalled that Bryan Bolton advised agents of the Bureau that "Soap" Moreno was the contact for this mob at San Francisco, California.



With reference to Fred Barker's birthday party which was had around the middle of January, 1934, mentioned in the statement of Dolores De Laney, she advised that to her recollection the couple who were present and who she believed were from the East, probably from New York City, were apparently well-known to Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker; that the man was about 40 years of age, about 5'9" tall, and weighed about 180 pounds; that although he was not fat he had somewhat of a paunch; that he was well dressed and made an impressive appearance; that the woman was about 35 years of age; that she believes those present addressed her by the name of "Lou," and that it is possible that the man's name was "Jack."

In a later interview with Bryan Bolton concerning the identity of the above-mentioned couple, he stated that it is possible that these two people were Phil De Andrea and his wife, giving as his reasons the following: That at about this time Phil De Andrea and several other members of the Capone syndicate at Chicago, Illinois, were "casing" a payroll job at Gary, Indiana, which De Andrea wanted Fred Goetz and several other members of the Barker-Karpis mob to take; that at that time Phil De Andrea was making frequent contacts with Goetz and these boys in preparation for the holdup; that the description given of the man answered the description of Phil De Andrea. It is to be noted here that Phil De Andrea is residing at St. Joseph, Michigan, but is interested in racketeer unions in Chicago.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, in which there is set out on Pages 23 to 27 various papers, receipts, and memoranda found in the house at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, which was abandoned by Alvin Karpis and Dolores De Laney shortly after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon on September 5, 1934. Dolores De Laney was questioned concerning her knowledge of the criminal record of Charles Carroll which was found in her home, and upon being shown a photograph of this individual she stated that the person appearing on the photograph looked familiar to her but she could not place him, stating however that it is possible she saw him at the Harvard Club. She could furnish no information regarding the presence of the above-mentioned criminal record in their home.

Concerning the paper containing the names of Phillip Amersbach, 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, Edward Summers, Charles Ward, and Jesse Donovan, Dolores De Laney advised that the name "Amersbach" appeared very familiar to her but she could not recall in what connection

she had heard it. The name "Tony Amersbach" was mentioned to her, and she stated that this individual might possibly be the doorman at the Harvard Club whose name she recalls as being Tony. In this connection she stated that Alvin Karpis appeared to be well acquainted with this man, whose last name is unknown to her.

She could furnish no information whatever concerning the names of Edward Summers, Charles Ward, and Jesse Donovan.

In connection with the remaining papers and memoranda found at her house Dolores De Laney could provide no information of value to this investigation.

In connection with the papers and memoranda found at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, the house vacated by Harry Campbell at the time Wynona Burdette was arrested with the Harmon and Sawyer women on September 5, 1934, Wynona Burdette was questioned but was unable to provide any information valuable to further investigation of this case.

Wynona Burdette was likewise at St. Paul, Minnesota, during the trial of Weaver, Sawyer, and McDonald, and she was also interviewed on several occasions. She signed the following written statement setting out in detail her movements and activities from the time that Harry Campbell picked her up at Ponca City, Oklahoma, in November, 1934, until the day of her arrest at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in January, 1935:

"Ramsey County Jail,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
January 18, 1936.

I, WYNONA BURDETTE, make the following statement to D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is entirely voluntary and no promises or threats have been made to me.

Around the first part of November, 1934, while I was living with my sisters, Eunice and Mrs. Jimmie Rose, at Ponca City, Oklahoma, and while broadcasting one evening from radio station WBBC in Ponca City, Oklahoma, I observed HARRY CAMPBELL drive by the radio station.

Upon recognizing HARRY CAMPBELL I immediately left the radio station and upon entering the street I observed HARRY CAMPBELL turn his car around some distance away and return. He drove past me and parked his car about 1/2 block ahead of me down the street. I walked to the car alone and talked with CAMPBELL.

At this time I informed him that I had made a signed statement to Bureau Agents at Chicago, Illinois, and asked him how he felt about it. He replied that it did not make any difference to him and thereafter he told me that he had come after me, and asked if I would care to again live and travel with him. I consented and he then suggested that I take a cab from my home and meet him at the swimming pool located immediately outside of the city limits of Ponca City.

I returned home and told my sisters that HARRY CAMPBELL had come after me and that I was again going to live with him. They did not approve of this but after arguing with them for several minutes I left in spite of their unwillingness to let me go, and proceeded in a taxicab to the appointed meeting place. I did not take any clothes with me.

Upon seeing HARRY CAMPBELL again at this time he told me that we were going to Miami, Florida to live and that we would not be in association any more with the crowd. He also told me that he had driven up from Miami, Florida, and that we would stay at the El Commodore Hotel until we found a place to live. I surprisingly asked, "At a hotel - how come you are staying at a hotel?" and he said "Well, the place is all right". We drove to Miami in a week's time, stopping at numerous towns for refreshments and rest.

Upon arriving in Miami, Florida, which was three days before Thanksgiving, HARRY CAMPBELL and I proceeded direct to the El Commodore Hotel. It appeared that HARRY CAMPBELL was already registered in room 905 under the name of G. L. SUMMERS. We lived in room 905 for approximately three weeks at the end of which time HARRY CAMPBELL and I moved to Oklawaha, Florida.

I wish to state that during this period I observed JOE ADAMS, the manager of the El Commodore Hotel on numerous occasions in the lobby of the said hotel, and although he was never formally introduced to me, he would always address me as



"Mrs. Summers". Also during this period HARRY CAMPBELL frequently met JOE ADAMS on the 10th floor of the hotel, but I do not have any knowledge of the nature of their business at these times. Also during this period HARRY CAMPBELL and I ate practically all of our meals in our room, which was at my suggestion inasmuch as I was afraid I might be recognized by some of the Agents who saw me in Chicago, Illinois, during the time I was detained there. I also recall that on several occasions while living at the El Commodore Hotel JOE ADAMS sent special dinners to our room with his compliments, and which were free of charge.

During this period the bell boy at the El Commodore Hotel brought Chicago and Miami, Florida, newspapers to our room, but only when the newspapers contained either articles or photographs of some of the boys or when the articles referred to either the BREMER kidnaping case or to some crime which they were suspected of. I know this to be true because I usually read these newspapers or HARRY would read them to me. On one occasion HARRY CAMPBELL remarked that if ADAMS continued to send the papers up to the room by the bell boy, the boy would soon get wise as to who we were.

*Note: Bell Boy  
recalls that  
papers were  
sent up  
7 times.*

I also recall on one occasion during this period, either the bell boy or someone else, who possibly might be JOE ADAMS brought a newspaper to our room which carried a story of the killing of Cowley and Hollis at Barrington, Illinois. I had previously met both of these individuals at Chicago, Illinois, and I knew them to be Special Agents of the Government.

I also recall that a few days later there appeared in one of the Chicago newspapers which was delivered to our room, the photograph of ALVIN KARPIS as the companion who assisted "Baby Face" Nelson in the killing of Agents Cowley and Hollis.

*Dec 4 '34*

On or about December 5, 1934, HARRY CAMPBELL left Miami, Florida, stating that he was going 300 miles up the road and would be gone for a few days. On one afternoon while he was away I went down town shopping, and on my return I ordered some refreshments. The bell boy who always waited on us told me when he brought the refreshments, that a woman who appeared to be pregnant had called while I was away. HARRY had previously instructed me not to see anybody that called at the hotel and to tell the bell boy to tell such persons that I was out of town, which I did at this time.

Dec 4 '34

That evening DOLORES DeLANEY whom I had previously known, came to my room and asked whether GEORGE, meaning HARRY CAMPBELL, was there. I told her that he would be out of town for a few days. She then told me that she desired to see HARRY and asked at this time whether I had seen any of the rest of the bunch around there, and I replied that I had not. DOLORES also told me that at that time she had to see Mr. Adams and she would wait until the next day to see him, as he wasn't in then. Dec 5 '34

I invited DOLORES to stay with me until HARRY CAMPBELL returned, and she accepted. On the following morning at about 11:00 o'clock, DOLORES went downstairs, presumably to see JOE ADAMS, and about one hour later she returned with WILLIE HARRISON, who asked about "Buff" meaning HARRY CAMPBELL. Sometime thereafter I went down to room 405 at HARRISON'S invitation and saw DOC BARKER there with WILLIE HARRISON and DOLORES DeLANEY. That afternoon the four of us went riding around Miami, Florida, and had some refreshments. Dec 5 '34

Later that evening ALVIN KARPIS accompanied by DOLORES DeLANEY, came into room 405 while I was there with WILLIE HARRISON and DOC BARKER. I do not know where KARPIS came from at this time. Dec 6 '34

On the following evening I went with WILLIE HARRISON to the Biscayne Kennel Club to attend the races. While there WILLIE introduced me to Duke Randall as "Squaw". Duke was working behind a cage at the time and appeared to be very friendly with WILLIE. Dec 8 '34

On the following morning WILLIE HARRISON and DOC BARKER left Miami, Florida, and later that same day HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, and MOTHER BARKER came to the El Comodoro Hotel from Oklawaha, Florida. At this time HARRY asked me whether I would like to go deer hunting at FRED BARKER'S place in Oklawaha for a few days. I told him I would not mind if it were only for a few days.

I forgot to state that on one occasion while in room 405 with DOC BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, DOLORES DeLANEY and WILLIE HARRISON, JOE ADAMS came to room 405, after which DOLORES and I went into room 401, leaving the above named persons together in room 405. I also recall that the day after HARRY CAMPBELL returned to Miami, Florida from Oklawaha, JOE ADAMS came into room 905 and visited with HARRY CAMPBELL.

On or about December 13, 1934, FRED BARKER, MOTHER BARKER, HARRY CAMPBELL and I left for Oklawaha, Florida, in HARRY CAMPBELL'S Ford automobile. Upon arriving there I met WILLIE WOODBURY and his wife ANNABELLE, who are colored, and who were working for FRED BARKER in taking care of the place.

About two or three days later JOE ADAMS came to our place in company with ALVIN KARPIS. After ADAMS talked with the boys privately for several hours, he left. On one occasion I overheard ADAMS tell FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL that there were some Government men in Miami, and that they, meaning HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER better get out of the place in Oklawaha, as the Government men might find out that they were there. After JOE ADAMS left FRED BARKER remarked that he did not believe there was anything to it.

I desire to state that immediately after JOE ADAMS left our place HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER asked MOTHER BARKER and I whether we would like to take a short trip about the state of Florida, that they, meaning ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, and FRED BARKER, had to go to Miami, Florida, and stay there about a week or week and a half.

On the following morning sometime before daybreak, the boys left Oklawaha, Florida, and that same evening MOTHER BARKER and I proceeded by automobile to Jacksonville, Florida, thence to Tampa, Florida, and other places, this being merely a pleasure trip.

MOTHER BARKER and I returned to Oklawaha, Florida, about a week later and that same day, as I recall, HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER likewise came back. Upon our return from the trip WILLIE WOODBURY gave MOTHER BARKER a note stating that some fellows left it with him for MR. BLACKBURN. I subsequently read this note which was contained in a sealed envelope and was signed by JOE ADAMS, and to my recollection it stated in substance that we had better get out of the place and stay out of there as the place was hot; also that he, meaning JOE ADAMS, was getting tired of warning us and that he wanted to see the boys at the hotel as soon as they got back.

After reading the note we had WILLIE WOODBURY describe the men who delivered this message to him, and his description of these individuals answered to that of JOE ADAMS and DUKE RANDALL. WILLIE also told us that these men came to the place in a Ford Coupe.

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were in  
Miami and  
made inquiry  
of Al. Brown as  
to 22 Conn  
State during  
the latter part  
of Nov-1934.*

We destroyed the note by throwing it in the fireplace immediately thereafter, and when HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER returned to Oklawaha that evening MOTHER BARKER told them in my presence about JOE ADAMS' message. I heard FRED BARKER say that he did not think there was anything to it. However, HARRY CAMPBELL was very much concerned and worried over this possibility. In fact he and I discussed it at length that night and he wanted to send me home then but I refused to go.

Two days later HARRY CAMPBELL and FRED BARKER again left for Miami, Florida, leaving MOTHER BARKER and I in Oklawaha. They returned two days later by themselves and I believe they went to Miami at this time to do some Christmas shopping.

Shortly after Christmas HARRY CAMPBELL received a letter from DOC BARKER stating that he and SLIM would be down to see us for New Years.

On or about December 27, 1934, DOC BARKER and SLIM, whom I now know as RUSSELL GIBSON, came to our place in Oklawaha and stayed there until January 3, 1935. They fished and hunted considerably during this period.

January 3, 1935, SLIM and DOC BARKER left for Chicago, Illinois. Nothing unusual took place thereafter until on or about January 10, 1935, when JOE ADAMS came to our place alone. He remained for about four hours during which time he talked with FRED BARKER and HARRY CAMPBELL in the boathouse. I do not know why he came there and whether he brought anything with him.

HARRY CAMPBELL and I left Oklawaha on January 13, 1935, for Miami, Florida, and upon arriving there we checked in to the El Commodore Hotel in either room 905 or 705 under the name of SUMMERS. HARRY left the hotel and returned shortly thereafter, at which time he advised that DOC BARKER had been arrested and that SLIM had been killed. He stated that we had better get out of the hotel and live with ALVIN KARPIS and DOLORES DeLANEY, which we did.

At about 10:00 on the morning of January 16, 1935, while DOLORES DeLANEY and I were alone, the boys having gone fishing that morning, we heard over the radio that there was some shooting going on at Oklawaha, Florida, and later learned through radio dispatches, that MOTHER BARKER and FRED BARKER had been killed by Government Agents. At about 3:00 P.M. DOLORES told me we had better

leave. She did not mention at this time that she had received any telephone call warning them to get out of the place. We packed our clothes and DOLORES told the maid that she had received a message to the effect that her mother was seriously ill and that she and I were going out of town to visit her, and that she would wire her.

After leaving the place DOLORES and I drove around its vicinity waiting for ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL to return home. We later met ALVIN KARPIS and HARRY CAMPBELL at about 7:30 P.M. approximately one block from the house. We told the boys what had happened, that is, about the shooting in Oklawaha. HARRY CAMPBELL then told DOLORES and myself to follow KARPIS and him in the Ford car; they were driving KARPIS' automobile. We followed them to a point outside of Miami, Florida, where they stopped and came to the car which DOLORES and I were in. They then took some of the baggage from our car and placed it in the Buick, whereupon they left, stating we should wait at this place; that they would be back in an hour. HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS returned sometime later and KARPIS stated at this time that DOLORES and I should drive to the dog track and instructed me to go in and see Duke Randall and tell him that he, KARPIS, wanted to see him; that DOLORES and I then drove to the track and I contacted Duke at his station inside of the track and told him that RAY, meaning KARPIS, wanted to see him as soon as possible. Duke stated that he could not get away and that Ray should come to the track. I told him that RAY did not want to come there, and he replied that I should tell Ray for him, to come to the track through the back way and that he would have an old man there waiting for him. I returned to the car in which DOLORES was still waiting and drove to the place where we were supposed to meet HARRY CAMPBELL and ALVIN KARPIS and found them there.

I gave KARPIS Duke's message, whereupon HARRY CAMPBELL and KARPIS went to the track, and before leaving they told DOLORES and myself to wait at a certain point about one mile from the race track. KARPIS and CAMPBELL returned shortly thereafter and we then followed the boys to a point outside of Miami, Florida.

Duke Randall showed up about two or three hours later and went into conversation with KARPIS and CAMPBELL, none of which either DOLORES or I overheard. HARRY CAMPBELL thereafter told me to follow Duke into town and that he would keep DOLORES and myself that night and send us to Atlantic City the following morning;



that he and KARPIS would go there by automobile. HARRY gave me at this time either \$100 or \$200.

DOLORES and I followed Duke Randall in our Ford Sedan, he driving a Ford Coupe, to the Ta-Miami Hotel. Upon arriving there we drove our car up a driveway which is adjacent to the hotel. I asked Duke what he was going to do with the car and he told me to leave the keys and the baggage in the car and that he would take care of it. He later told me that he would get rid of it by running it into the ocean. Duke took us into the hotel and introduced DOLORES and myself to the hotel clerk as his sisters, stating that we were going to stay in his room overnight.

After we entered his room he told us to make ourselves comfortable and that we would be safe there. At this time he took off his coat and we noticed that he carried a pistol in a shoulder holster. We also observed what appeared to be a police badge and he later removed it from his coat and showed it to us, stating that he got it for protection. He also told DOLORES and myself at this time that he was wanted for murder in the state of New Jersey and that he had "jumped the rap". He left shortly thereafter stating that he would see us early the next morning.

On the following day sometime before eight o'clock, Duke returned to the room in which DOLORES and I were located, and said that he would run down to the station and get our tickets to Atlantic City, New Jersey. He left and returned soon thereafter with the railroad tickets, which he gave to DOLORES. He then accompanied us downstairs where he called a taxicab from the lobby of the hotel and DOLORES and I left for the railroad station, leaving Duke at the hotel.

I forgot to state that while living at Oklawaha, Florida, JOE ADAMS sent Chicago and Miami newspapers to us, some of which were addressed to BLACKBURN and some to SUMMERS. HARRY CAMPBELL told me on one occasion that JOE ADAMS had been given money to send these papers to us. I recall that in some of the papers which were sent to us by JOE ADAMS, there appeared photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, FRED BARKER, DOC BARKER, and VOLNEY DAVIS; also various articles which connected them with the BREMER kidnaping case.

I have read the foregoing statement which consists of eight pages and swear same is true to the best of my recollection.

WITNESSES:

(s) D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent, (signed) WYNONA BURDETTE.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, WYNONA BURDETTE.  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

(s) J. L. MADALA, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice."

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Two copies of the above statement of Wynona Burdette were forwarded to the Bureau by the St. Paul Bureau Office on January 28, 1936. The original copy, which Wynona Burdette signed, and the extra carbon copies of this statement are being retained in the Chicago Bureau Office files.

Both Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette have indicated their willingness to testify against both Joe Adams and Duke Randall in any harboring proceedings pending against them in the United States District Court of Florida.

It will be noted in Wynona Burdette's statement that Joe Adams had Chicago and Miami newspapers sent to their room while she and Harry Campbell were residing in Room 905 at the El Commodore Hotel, and that such papers usually contained photographs and stories of the Barker-Karpis mob.

It will also be noted in the statement of Dolores De Laney that on one occasion while she and Alvin Karpis were residing at the El Commodore Hotel during the middle part of December, 1934, Joe Adams had a large radio sent up to their room after telling Karpis that he did not want him to be running in and out of the lobby of the hotel.

Attention is now invited to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, which contains a tabulation of the bellboy records showing services furnished to the various rooms occupied by the Barker-Karpis crowd at the El Commodore Hotel during the period they resided there. It will



be noted with reference to the bellboys' services given to Mr. and Mrs. Summers, identified as Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, that Bellboy No. 1 served them most frequently. In the later portion of the above-mentioned report there are set out interviews had with the several bellboys who were then employed at the El Commodore Hotel, and it was noted that Saul Eden, who resides at 1537 Northwest Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, was identified as Bellboy No. 1 during that period. The names and addresses of the other bellboys and employees who worked at the El Commodore Hotel at that time are likewise set out in this report; and it is believed advisable that all of these individuals should be interviewed in an effort to corroborate the statements of Wynona Burdette and Dolores De Laney, with particular reference to the newspaper and radio service above-mentioned, in order to fortify the Government's case in the pending prosecution of Joe Adams and Duke Randall for the harboring of Alvin Karpis at Miami, Florida.

In subsequent conversations had with Wynona Burdette after she signed the above written statement, she stated that upon her release from the Chicago Bureau Office late in September, 1934, she, together with Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon, proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, to obtain some of their belongings. She remained in Cleveland for only one day, after which she accompanied Gladys Sawyer to St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time Gladys Sawyer loaned her some money to pay her expenses to Oklahoma. She stated that on her arrival in Oklahoma she spent a few days with each of several of her sisters, and that approximately three weeks after her arrival in Oklahoma, her sister Esther, who resides at Arondale, Oklahoma, told her that Harry Campbell had called at Esther's home one evening looking for Wynona; that at that time Harry Campbell stated that he would return. Thereafter, according to Wynona, she made it a point to visit as often as possible with her sister Esther. During this time she was frequently in the company of Hy Raffensperger. She further stated that one evening while in his company at her sister Esther's house a car stopped out in front and a man came whistling up to the house. Her brother-in-law answered the door and upon being advised that Harry Campbell was there Wynona Burdette went outside and talked with Campbell in his automobile for about a half hour. At this time Campbell questioned her concerning her arrest at Cleveland, Ohio, in company with Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, and she told him that she had made a statement; this, however, did not seem to disturb Campbell, and she agreed to go away with him again. Wynona's subsequent activities are contained in her written statement dated January 18, 1936, which is heretofore quoted in this report.

When questioned concerning her reason for not providing this information in the first instance, Wynona stated that she did not desire to cause any trouble for her sister Esther or for Esther's family.

Wynona Burdette also advised at this time that when Harry Campbell picked her up at the above indicated time he told her that sometime after her release at Chicago, Illinois, he sent Willie Harrison to Tulsa, Oklahoma, giving him the address of her sisters in that city, Eunice and Jimmie; that Harrison did go to Tulsa and spent two or three days there attempting to locate her sisters, but they had moved and Harrison was unsuccessful in locating them.

At this time it was deemed advisable to question Wynona Burdette in greater detail concerning the gang's activities at Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of obtaining information indicating that Bert and Ted Angus had knowledge of the identities of members of the Karpis-Barker gang during the time that they resided at Toledo, Ohio, and frequented the Casino Club. This inquiry of Wynona Burdette was made for the purpose of obtaining all possible evidence that might be useful in any future prosecutive action against Bert and Ted Angus on charges of harboring. During interviews had with her at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, Wynona Burdette provided the following information which was incorporated in the statement quoted below and typed at the Chicago Bureau Office, which statement Wynona Burdette read and signed at Chicago, Illinois, on January 31, 1936, while en route from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Milan, Michigan.

"Chicago, Illinois  
January 31, 1936,

I, WYNONA BURDETTE, make the following signed statement to D. P. Sullivan and John L. Madala, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, of my own free will, no threats or promises having been made to me:

Shortly after Mr. Bremer was released February 7, 1934, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison and I drove to Toledo, Ohio from Chicago, Illinois, where Edna Murray and I had an apartment at 6247 University Street. Upon our arrival in Toledo, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison and I checked into the

Algeo Hotel under the name of Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield. I do not know the name Willie Harrison used. We remained at the Algeo Hotel for two days and then obtained a furnished apartment at the Jarvis Apartments in Toledo, Ohio, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. George Winfield. Willie Harrison assisted us in renting this apartment.

Harry Campbell and I lived at the Jarvis Apartments for approximately two months and while at this place Freddie and "Doc" Barker visited us on one occasion and remained for about three hours. Also during this period Harry Campbell and I did not visit any night clubs or any persons residing in Toledo, nor were we visited by anyone other than Freddie and "Doc."

About the first part of April, Harry Campbell located and rented a house on Summit Street near Pointe Place. This house was rented under the name of George Winfield. During the time we were moving into the house, which took about three days, Harry Campbell and myself visited the Casino Club on several occasions. At that time the Casino Club had no bar or dining room and was then being remodeled. During this period we sometimes bought food and took it to the Casino Club where an old waiter named "Charlie" cooked it for us. Sometimes while we were at the Casino Club another waiter named "Coolie" and Bert and Ted Angus were there, and I introduced Harry Campbell to "Coolie", Ted and Bert Angus merely under the name of "George".

Likewise during this time and purely by chance, I met Dolores Delaney and Paula Harmon in LaSalle and Cook's department store. Paula Harmon told me that she and Dolores were living in an apartment somewhere on Summit Street.

About two weeks after we moved into the house located on Summit Street, Willie Harrison and "Doc" Barker came to our house. I do not know how or where they got our address. "Doc" Barker thereafter stayed with us all during the time we lived in Toledo and Willie Harrison stayed with us for approximately a month. I believe that on one occasion while I was out of town that "Doc" Barker stayed elsewhere than at our home. A few days after Willie Harrison and "Doc" Barker arrived, Volney Davis arrived and in the following few days Doctor Moran, Jimmie Wilson and "Rusty" Gibson likewise came to our house. Gibson only stayed one night--the rest of them

stayed for several days. This was about the middle of May, 1934. "Ollie" Berg likewise visited the house but left the same night.

A night or two later Doctor Moran operated on Volney Davis' and "Doc" Barker's fingertips. Thereafter while they were recovering from the operation, they did not leave the house. About ten days later, Harry Campbell left the house one evening and returned with Edna Murray, who stayed overnight. It had been decided that on the following evening "Doc" Moran would operate on Harry Campbell.

The same evening that Edna Murray arrived, I noticed from the front window a sedan parked on the street in front of the house, containing one or more men. Being afraid that it possibly might be police watching the house, I told the rest of the gang about it. After looking out of the window "Doc" Barker stated, "It looks like this place is hot". I recall that Volney Davis spoke up, "It is God damned hot". The gang immediately decided to leave and did so, leaving by the side door. Harry and I packed some bags and some guns which were in the house and likewise left after the rest of the gang had gone. We drove to the Casino Club and contrary to our usual habit of parking the car out in front, Harry drove to the rear of the Club and attracted Bert Angus' attention. Bert came outside and Harry asked him if there was anyone out at his cottage on Lake Erie. This cottage was located outside of Toledo, Ohio. Bert told Harry there was no one out there so far as he knew. Harry then told Bert that I wanted to get out of town for a while and asked if we could stay at his cottage for a night or two. Bert Angus stated that it would be all right for us to do so. Harry apparently knew the location of the cottage because he did not seem to have any trouble locating it, but I do not believe from his conversation that he had ever been in the cottage before.

Shortly after our arrival we went to bed and about 2:00 A.M. Bert Angus and "Ollie" Berg stopped at the cottage and talked with Harry Campbell for about half an hour on general topics of fishing, etc.

Harry Campbell and I left the cottage the following morning and proceeded to the Casino Club where we ate luncheon. Thereafter Harry Campbell told me to drive by the house where we were living to ascertain whether there was any activity

around there. I drove around the house several times and then returned to the Casino Club and told Harry that everything looked all right to me. We returned to the house that evening and either that night or the next night, Harry Campbell had his fingertips operated on by Doctor Moran in the presence of Jimmie Wilson, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and myself. Thereafter "Doc" Moran and Jimmie Wilson lived with us until the time I went to the hospital, which was on or about June 3, 1934.

During the month of May, 1934, Harry Campbell and I frequented the Casino Club on many occasions and also frequented the Dutch Village Inn, the Crescent Club, and the 42nd Street Cafe, all in Toledo, Ohio. On nearly every occasion when Harry Campbell and I were in the Casino Club, we saw various members of the gang, and at various times I saw at the Casino Club Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, "Doc" Barker, Fred Barker, Paula Harmon, Edna Murray, Volney Davis, Willie Harrison, "Doc" Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Ollie Berg and Russell Gibson.

Shortly prior to my entering the St. Vincent Hospital at Toledo where I underwent an operation, I talked with Ruth Angus, who is the wife of Ted Angus, co-owner of the Casino Club, and asked whether she knew of a good doctor in Toledo. She recommended Doctor Douglas to me and upon my request she (Ruth) accompanied me to his Office. On this occasion Ruth drove me to his office inasmuch as I was unable to drive an automobile on account of my illness at that time. Ruth introduced me to him as Mrs. Winfield. Doctor Douglas examined me thoroughly and suggested that I undergo an immediate operation.

When I arrived home from the visit to Doctor Douglas on the above occasion, I told Harry Campbell about my necessity of having an operation and he told me to ask Ruth whether she would consent to my using her address when I registered at the Hospital, remarking that if it was at all possible to keep from giving the Hospital our correct address we should do so. I later saw Ruth Angus and asked her whether it would be all right with her for me to give the Hospital her address and she replied that she had no objection.

I remained at the Hospital for approximately two weeks and while there I was visited on various occasions by Harry Campbell, Jimmie Wilson, "Doc" Barker, Paula Harmon, Ruth Angus,



Madeline Angus, and Rene Holst. On the day I left the Hospital, Harry Campbell, Jimmie Wilson, "Doc" Barker and I stopped at the Casino Club for some beer. I did not get out of the automobile at the Casino Club and Bert Angus came to the car and inquired as to how I felt. He, as well as his brother Ted, always called me by my first name, "Wynona."

I also recall that on the day I left St. Vincent's Hospital, Madeline Angus, who is the wife of Bert Angus, entered the same Hospital. While she was there Rene Holst, Ruth Angus and I visited her on one occasion. A few days after Madeline returned from the Hospital, Edna Murray and I paid her a visit at her apartment on Cherry and Collingwood Streets, Toledo. Present on this occasion were Rene Holst, Thelma Holst, Madeline Angus, Madeline's daughter, Edna Murray, and another woman whom I did not know. During this visit Thelma Holst picked up a detective magazine which contained a lineup of several men who were wanted by the "law". Thelma showed this magazine to Edna Murray and myself and asked, "Isn't this 'Shorty' and Ray"? Both Edna and I looked at the two photographs pointed out by Thelma and recognized them as being those of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Neither Edna nor I made any answer to the question. Madeline Angus, who was lying on the couch nearby, apparently heard Thelma's remark as she asked that she be shown the magazine. I recall that Edna Murray gave Madeline the magazine containing these two photographs and also recall that Madeline looked at them but merely grinned and did not make any comment.

When I returned to my home that evening, I told Harry Campbell what had happened as above described and he asked me whether Thelma or Madeline indicated that they recognized the photographs, or whether they had said anything more about them. I replied that we did not say anything but they acted like they recognized the photographs. Harry then told me not to go to their place any more. However, I continued to associate with Madeline, Ruth and Rene, but no further mention was made of the above incident.

About four days later Harry Campbell and I left Toledo and went to live with Volney Davis and Edna Murray and Myrtle and Bill at Grand Forest Beach, Ohio, on Lake Erie.

I wish to state at this time that while I was living at 6247 University Avenue, Chicago, with Edna Murray and Paula

Harmon, Willie Harrison drove Edna and myself to Toledo, Ohio on one occasion during the latter part of January, 1934. Upon arriving at Toledo, Edna and I checked into the Algeo Hotel under names I do not now recall as Willie Harrison did the registering for us. Willie Harrison also checked into this Hotel, obtaining a room adjoining ours.

That evening Willie Harrison took us to the Casino Club, where he introduced us to Bert and Ted Angus. As I recall, Willie introduced us as "Squaw" and "Rabbits". We stayed at the Casino Club for approximately four hours at this time and then returned to the Algeo Hotel.

At about 9:00 A.M. on the following day, Willie Harrison came to our room and told us that he was going out, stating that he would be back in a little while. However, he did not return until 5:00 P.M. that day. I later learned through the boys that Willie Harrison was picked up on the above occasion by the police; that he told the police he was a friend of Bert and Ted Angus and thereafter the police took him to the Casino Club, but neither Bert nor Ted Angus admitted knowing him. I later learned that the arrest was just a joke played on Willie by Bert and Ted Angus, and they seemed to get quite a big "kick" out of it. At no time did Willie Harrison relate to me what had taken place, and as stated above, I learned of this incident through conversation with the boys.

I have read the foregoing statement which consists of six pages and here sign.

WITNESSES:

(s) JOHN L. MADALA, Special Agent (signed) WYNONA BURDETTE.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Ill.

(s) D. P. SULLIVAN, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Ill."

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The original and additional copies of the above quoted statement are being retained in the Chicago Bureau Office file.

While Joe Adams was in St. Paul, Minnesota, to testify in the trial of Bill Weaver, Harry Sawyer, and Cassius McDonald, he was interviewed on one occasion by the writer in the office of the United States Attorney with particular reference to the letter signed "Mr. Wagner" addressed to "Mr. Adams", which was found at the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, and which letter Dolores De Laney admitted writing at the dictation of Alvin Karpis. As will be noted in her written statement, Dolores De Laney stated that this letter was acknowledged by Adams by cablegram two or three days after she wrote it. The original letter is contained in the files of the St. Paul Bureau Office, and a copy thereof is set out herein:

"Dear Mr. Adams,

I received your cablegram last night and was very glad to hear from you. If that party and Willie intend to come over here on the boat Friday, or whenever they are coming, wire Mr. Heller the day they leave and I will go down to the pier and meet them, with Mr. Heller, who will take care of everything so they will not be detained by the Customs. Tell each of them to bring a couple of cartons of cigarettes and all such things as hair tonics, razor blades, etc. that they may need while here as the prices on such things are impossible.

If that party is not coming over here some time this week tell Willie to come and I will pay his expenses.

The weather has been fairly nice lately and no bombings or anything of that sort. We listened to the Miami news reports and they greatly exaggerated the trouble here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mr. Wagner."

The above letter was exhibited to Mr. Adams, and he denied receiving it, nor would he admit any knowledge that such a letter was directed to him. Mr. Adams was permitted to read this letter and was questioned particularly with reference to "that party" mentioned therein. He stated that if he had received that letter he would not know the identity of that party unless it referred to Mother Barker. He readily admitted that the party named Willie mentioned in the letter undoubtedly referred to Willie Harrison, whom he admitted knowing since 1930. Joe Adams, of course, also denied at this time that he acknowledged the above-mentioned letter by cablegram, but admitted that he transmitted several cablegrams to Alvin Karpis under the name of "Mr. Wagner" with respect to Kate Barker during the time that Karpis resided in Cuba.

Joe Adams further advised the writer in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson that he has known Willie Harrison for approximately five years, having first met him when he, Harrison, was selling or cashing tickets at the Miami Beach Kennel Club. He also stated that he met Harry Sawyer through Willie Harrison as "Sea Lion" around the first part of September, 1934; that around this period Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald, and Willie Harrison were talking about opening a gambling place either in Miami, Florida, or Havana, Cuba, and in this connection he, Adams, on one occasion drove Harry Sawyer, Cash McDonald, and Willie Harrison around Miami, Florida, to look at several sites and places for a gambling place. Agent recalls that Joe Adams stated that he looked over an unfinished place in Broward County, Florida.

Joe Adams also advised the writer that on one occasion during the latter part of December, 1934, Cash McDonald came to his office at the El Comodoro Hotel and asked him where he could get in touch with Blackburn, meaning Freddie Barker, expressing a desire to see him. Adams stated that he then transmitted a telegram to Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, signing it "Cash", advising that he, Cash McDonald, wanted to see him the following Sunday. Mr. Adams stated that either he or one of the hotel clerks delivered the telegram to a Western Union representative.

It will be recalled that the above described telegram was later found among the effects in the house occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, after they were killed by Bureau Agents on January 16, 1935.

Joe Adams also related at this time that on or about Christmas Day, 1934, Cash McDonald came to his office at the El Commodore Hotel and asked him where he could get in touch with Wagner, who was later identified as Alvin Karpis. According to Adams he gave McDonald either Karpis' telephone number or his address in Miami, Florida, and volunteered to call him up for McDonald, but McDonald told him that that would not be necessary, as he was going by the place anyhow.

When Adams was questioned as to whether he did in fact telephone Wagner advising him beforehand of McDonald's contemplated visit, Adams denied making this call. However, it will be noted in the signed statement of Dolores De Laney set out above that when Karpis answered the telephone on Christmas morning, which call apparently was made with reference to McDonald, she heard Alvin Karpis refer to the man he was speaking with by the name of "Joe."

Adams further stated that he observed Alvin Karpis and Cash McDonald talking together in the lobby of the El Commodore Hotel around Christmas of 1934. It will be noted that this information is not contained in his signed statement which appears in the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 20, 1935.

Bryan Bolton, during an interview had with him at the St. Paul Bureau Office on January 25, 1936, by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and the writer, stated that early in the spring, probably in February, of 1934, and shortly after Edward G. Bremer was released "Doc" Barker took \$100,000.00 of the Bremer ransom money to Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of exchanging it. Bolton further stated that "Doc" Barker negotiated with a man named Sullivan, who either owns or is employed in a gambling house at Reno, for the exchange of this money; that Sullivan took from the till of the gambling house ten \$1,000.00 bills which he advanced to "Doc" Barker, who indicated to Sullivan that the boys were in need of ready money; that Barker left the \$100,000.00 in ransom bills with Sullivan, who indicated at that time that it might be difficult to exchange the money. Bolton stated that some time later "Doc" Barker or some other member of the gang went to Reno, Nevada, and ascertained that Sullivan had not been successful in exchanging the money; that \$90,000.00 of the money was then brought back and that it was undoubtedly this money that was later taken to Florida by Willie Harrison and Harry Sawyer and exchanged in Cuba by Cassius McDonald.

Bolton stated that sometime, probably in December of 1934, \$5,000.00 was given to Charles J. ("Old Charlie") Fitzgerald, who intended making a trip to the West; that this \$5,000.00 was intended to be given to Sullivan because Sullivan had been successful in exchanging only \$5,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 left with him; that because of the presence of Federal agents in Reno in the spring of 1934, probably in connection with the investigation conducted in the Gillis case, Reno was considered "hot", and that Sullivan had been afraid to exchange the ransom money and had burned \$5,000.00 of the \$10,000.00 left with him; that the \$5,000.00 given to Fitzgerald was for the purpose of reimbursing Sullivan for the \$5,000.00 he was forced to burn.

From previous reports in this case it is noted that a man called Scarface Sullivan is reported to be a partner of Graham and McKay in their gambling operations at Reno, Nevada.

Further information provided by Bryan Bolton indicated that shortly after some of the ransom money in this case was exchanged, \$1,500.00 was given to Louis "Doc" Stacci by the mob to help finance his defense in connection with the Kansas City Massacre.

Bolton further advised that shortly after Bremer's release on February 7, 1934, Fred Goetz took a portion of the ransom money to Louis Alterie, a Chicago racketeer, now deceased, to have him exchange this money through his contacts in Chicago, Illinois; that Alterie had possession of this money for some time but being unsuccessful in exchanging it he returned it to the gang. Bolton was of the opinion that Alterie is the party who made the connection between Dr. Joseph P. Moran and members of the Barker-Karpis crowd, and likewise was of the opinion that it was Louis Alterie that first approached "Boss" McLaughlin with reference to the exchange of the Bremer ransom money.

When questioned as to the possible present whereabouts of Alvin Karpis, Bryan Bolton advised Agents that he believes Karpis can be located through Frankie Foster in New York City. In this connection he stated that "Doc" Barker was especially friendly with Frankie Foster.

It will be noted that Frankie Foster was kept under constant surveillance by the New York Bureau Office for a period of weeks during which time no tangible information was secured which indicated that Foster was in touch with any members of this mob.

Bolton indicated at the time of interviews had with him by Agents that he had not yet provided the Bureau with all the information in his possession concerning the Bremer kidnaping case; that on at least two occasions while he was being interviewed by United States Attorney Sullivan at St. Paul he intended to provide him with all the information in his possession but had been unable to tell the complete story because at the time of these interviews Mr. Sullivan was interested in specific points of information of evidential value in prosecutive actions then pending against defendants in this case. When asked whether he desired to tell his complete knowledge of the case at this time Bolton stated that inasmuch as he has been awaiting sentence for almost a year he first desires to ascertain what disposition will be made of the charges pending against him before making a complete and detailed statement of his knowledge of this kidnaping; that upon the final disposition of the charges pending against him he will be willing to provide this information to Bureau Agents.

A copy of this report is being designated for the Los Angeles Office for its information in case it is found necessary in the future to apprehend Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is presently being kept under surveillance by that office.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

##### THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE. At Reno, Nevada.

Will ascertain whether Karpis or Campbell has been frequenting the Town Club, the Tavern, the Bank Club, or the small night club on the road between Reno and Steamboat Springs, Nevada, and the small night club on the street directly in the rear of the Bank Club at Reno. According to Dolores De Laney, she and Karpis frequented these places while in Reno. Efforts should be made to develop contacts at these places. This investigation should be conducted in as discreet a manner as possible.

Will also determine the identity of the man named Sullivan, alias "Scarface" Sullivan, reported to be a partner of Graham and McKay in their gambling operations at Reno. If he is located a discreet check should be made to determine whether this man is in touch with Karpis or Campbell.

In connection with investigation to be made at Reno, it should be noted that the Karpis-Barker gang is reported to have been aided in

Reno by the Graham and McKay clique in the exchange of ransom money.

At Las Vegas, Nevada.

Will ascertain the identity of the person or persons Alvin Karpis is acquainted with at the small night club mentioned by Dolores De Laney, and will make a further check to ascertain whether he is in touch with these persons. The owner or employee should not be directly approached.

THE CLEVELAND OFFICE. At Cleveland, Ohio.

Will interview Frank J. Noonan, ascertaining the manner in which Karpis got the credentials apparently of his detective agency, and determining if possible where the photograph mentioned by Dolores De Laney as being on these credentials was made, in order that a copy may be obtained, inasmuch as it is reported to be an excellent likeness of Karpis. Noonan should again be questioned regarding pay envelopes of the Noonan Detective Agency found in Karpis' home, 3973 West 140th Street, in September, 1934.

It is suggested that a discreet investigation be made at a tavern described by Dolores De Laney which she and Karpis visited, in order to determine whether Karpis or Campbell are now contacting anyone at this tavern or have frequented it since their escape from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In connection with the above suggested investigation, it is suggested that nothing be done to interfere with any investigation now being conducted by the Cleveland Office in an effort to locate Karpis and Campbell.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. At San Francisco, California.

Inasmuch as previous investigation strongly indicates that "Soap" Moreno and his associates are the contacts for Karpis and Campbell in San Francisco, it is suggested that a mail cover be placed on all mail delivered to John Moyles at his residence and on all mail delivered to the Bank Cafe, or Buffet, of which he is proprietor. Inasmuch as Moyles, Tambini, and Moreno have denied any and all knowledge of the Karpis-Barker gang, it is suggested that an effort be made to develop a contact independent of Moyles who will have access to the Bank Buffet and to Moyles and his associates and who will notify the



San Francisco Bureau Office should Karpis or Campbell either visit or make connections through this mob.

**THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE. At Oklawaha, Florida.**

In connection with the statements made by Wynona Burdette and Dolores De Laney that Joe Adams visited the house occupied by Fred and Kate<sup>0</sup>Barker at Oklawaha on three occasions during the fall and winter of 1934, it is suggested that Willie Woodbury, who was employed as a handy man by Fred Barker, be located at Oklawaha and interviewed. Woodbury should be shown photographs of Joseph Adams and Duke Randall. The details of Adams' visits should be obtained from this witness. He should likewise be questioned regarding the visit of Duke Randall. Joe Adams went to Barker's house at Oklawaha and left a message with Woodbury for Fred Barker, which Woodbury later delivered to Kate Barker. In this connection reference is made to Page 62 of the report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated February 3, 1935, setting out previous interview had with Willie Woodbury.

Will contact the postmaster at Oklawaha, Florida, for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has any record or recollection of newspapers being received there addressed to Blackburn or Summers during the time that Fred Barker and Harry Campbell lived at Oklawaha. Specific inquiry should be made to determine in what form these newspapers were mailed - whether they appeared to have been sent from a newspaper office or were sent by an individual. It is to be noted that Wynona Burdette in her statement states that Joe Adams mailed Chicago and Miami newspapers to Fred Barker and Harry Campbell while they lived at Oklawaha, although Adams in a signed statement denied doing same.

**At Miami, Florida.**

It is suggested that the bellboys who were employed at the El Comodoro Hotel in the fall of 1934, as mentioned in the body of this report, be discreetly interviewed, preferably at their home, to determine whether they delivered Chicago or Miami newspapers to Mr. and Mrs. Summers in Room 905 at the request of Joe Adams. They should likewise be questioned in an effort to ascertain the identity of the bellboys or employees of the hotel who installed the radio in Room 405, occupied by Karpis, as mentioned in the statement of Dolores De Laney.



THE CHICAGO OFFICE. At Chicago, Illinois.

Will make necessary investigation at the Rainbow Inn, located at Harlem and North Avenues, to ascertain whether Alvin Karpis is frequenting this tavern. This tavern was formerly operated by Jimmie Murray, a contact for the Dillinger gang. According to Dolores De Laney, she and Karpis frequently visited this place in the late spring of 1933.

At Wilmington, Illinois.

Will interview Irene Goetz to ascertain the identity of the couple who were known to her and who were present at Fred Barker's birthday party in the middle of January, 1934.

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Will locate a photograph of Alvin Karpis which appeared in the Chicago newspapers at the time of the killing of Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis. It is to be noted that Wynona Burdette states that she recalls such a newspaper was delivered to her and Harry Campbell's room at the El Comodoro Hotel by a bellboy, apparently upon orders of Joseph Adams.

PENDING.

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
May 14th, 1937.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau communication of May 6th, 1937, the reports submitted with your communication were forwarded immediately to Special Agent John L. Madala, who is presently engaged on special assignment at Hot Springs, Arkansas and I am now in receipt of a memorandum prepared by Agent Madala, in accordance with your instructions and I am transmitting the same herewith, by Air Mail-Special Delivery.

In view of the weight of the reports mentioned in your letter, which are being returned as instructed, these two reports will be transmitted by regular mail, Special Delivery.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO	1-23, 24-36 2-7-36 2-5, 6-36	J. E. THORNTON MGR
<b>TITLE</b> ALVIN KARPIS with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1238 et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photostat copy obtained of registration of Plymouth Sedan by Carl Baker, 1027 E. 147th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Information regarding persons released from the Ohio State Penitentiary during 1935 who intended going to Cuyahoga County obtained with view to developing possible informants. Investigation reflects that there are numerous cars registered in Ohio under names of Thomas Shaw and Carl Baker. Tony Ammerbach #50360, Ohio State Penitentiary was paroled 10-21-31, having been sentenced in 1921 to 1-15 years for Breaking and Entering. 1935 Ohio license H-85-M issued to John Alexander, Scienceville, Ohio. Frank Griffith is located at Canton, Ohio.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 1-20-36; report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 10-17-35; letters of S.A.C. E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 4, 1936 and October 19, 1935, and letters of Cleveland Office dated January 14 and 18, 1936.

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**DETAILS:****AT COLUMBUS, OHIO**

A photostat copy of the registration for Plymouth Sedan, Motor # 322772, Serial #2619857 registered in the name of Carl Baker, 1027 East 147th St., Cleveland, Ohio, was secured from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and this is being sent to the Cleveland Office with copies of this report.

After a check of the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, under the name of Milton Lett and his known aliases, it was found that no car has been registered in the name of Milton Lett and that several cars have been registered in the name of Thomas Shaw and two registered in the name of Thomas J. Shaw and these names are set forth in this report together with cars registered in the name of Carl Baker. The cars registered in the name of Shaw are, as follows:

1. Thomas J. Shaw, 35 Plymouth Coupe M #PJ 109405, Ohio License B-6551 and a residence given as the Park Hotel, S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.
2. Thomas J. Shaw, 30 La Salle Sedan M #212834, Ohio License TS-6 191 Irving Way, Columbus, Ohio.
3. Thomas Shaw, 29 Buick Coach M #2257615, Sardinia, Ohio, License 106 GW.
4. Thomas Shaw, 26 Chevrolet Coach M #2418732, R.R. #6, Hillsboro, Ohio, License 760 FL.
5. Thomas Shaw, 34 Ford Coach M #1080077, Gratiot, Ohio, License W 64 B.
6. Thomas Shaw, 28 Essex Coach, M 848421, Paulding, Ohio, License 391 EY.
7. Thomas Shaw, 28 Willys Knight, M #83105, 753 Vance St., Toledo, Ohio, License 8674 A.
8. Thomas Shaw, 35 Buick Coupe M #42968393, 3031 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio, License FB-687.
9. Thomas Shaw, 29 Dodge Sedan, M #H-62964, 603 Euclid, Toledo, Ohio, License 4043 E.

Inquiry at the Park Hotel at 365 S. High St., reflected that Thomas J. Shaw, the owner of car number one listed in the preceding, is an ex-jockey and a man who now follows the races and has been coming to the Park Hotel for about three years. He is about 29 years old and about 5'7" tall and weighs about 120 pounds and is considered by the hotel people to be down and out and is poor pay. He is supposed to be from Cleveland, Ohio, and left a forwarding address of 4912 E. 111th St., Garfield Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

Inquiry concerning the Thomas J. Shaw, the owner of car #2 listed above reflects that he came to Columbus, Ohio, from Mount Vernon, Ohio, about 1928 and that he is a wholesale salesman employed at the Columbus Motor Car Co. located at 600 E. Long St.

The following cars are registered in the name of Carl Baker:

1. Carl Baker, 2508 E. 40th St., Cleveland, Ohio, 1929 Ford M #A-3574487, Ohio License LZ 817.
2. Carl J. Baker, 5310 Hetzel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1929 Whippet M #401938, Ohio License 389 BT.
3. Carl J. Baker, 2127 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1930 Ford M #A-2947725, Ohio License 613 EK.
4. Carl C. Baker, Andover, Ohio, 1926 Nash Sedan, M #A 12303 (Ashtabula County), Ohio License SR 371.
5. Carl C. Baker, 17 W. Babbit, Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County, 1934 Plymouth M #PE 166010, Ohio License 298 EL.
6. Carl R. Baker, 3653 Grantley, Toledo, Ohio, 1935 Pontiac Coach, M #85279, Lucas County, Ohio License 9870 D.
7. Carl A. Baker, 803 Monroe, Bellevue, Ohio, 1923 Dodge Sedan, M #930391, Huron County, Ohio License XR 198.
8. Carl R. Baker, 611 Walnut, Toledo, Ohio, 1928 Whippet Coach M #254851, Lucas County 5395-D.
9. Carl G. Baker, R.R. #3, Medina, Ohio, 1929 Chevrolet Coach M #573399, Meigs County, UB 558.

10. Carl E. Baker, 113 Lakeshore Ave., Toledo, Ohio, 1930 Chevrolet Coach, M #1365754, Lucas Co., 4998-A.
11. Carl Orville Baker, 38 Basswood Ave., Dayton, Ohio, Montgomery County, 28 Chevrolet Coach, M #4402057, license 146 JC.
12. Carl B. Baker, 323 Columbus, Elyria, Ohio, Lorraine Co., 27 Chandler Coach M #73758, ZG-602.
13. Carl A. Baker, 1606 Prospect, Sandusky, Ohio, Erie County, 25 Nash Sedan 50684, YF 600.
14. Carl Baker, 2014 Walnut, Toledo, Ohio, Lucas County, 27 Buick Roadster, M #1696596, license 6170 F.
15. Carl Baker, R.R. #3, Bucyrus, Ohio, 28 Ford Roadster, M #A-460050 license WX-964, Crawford County.
16. Carl Baker, Bloomingdale, Ohio, Jefferson County, 33 Chevrolet Coach, M #3796775, license T 377 J.
17. Carl Baker, 347 Tiffin St., Greenville, Ohio, Darke County, 1929 Ford Coach M# A 826262, license 538 UW.
18. Carl Baker, Oxford, Ohio, 1926 Chevrolet M# 2635601, license 422 LX (Bucyrus County).
19. Carl Baker, Elm Tree Road, Rossford, Ohio, 1926 Studebaker Coupe M# ER 332623 license 7269-M (Wood County.)
20. Carl Baker, R #1, Cadiz, Ohio, 34 Chevrolet Sedan M# 4212158 license S 627 U (Harrison County.)
21. Carl Baker, N. Woodland Rd., Novelty, O., 31 Chevrolet Sedan, M #2565418, license GX 283, Geauga County.
22. Carl Baker, 378 E. First St., Mansfield, Ohio, 27 Ford M #12966528 license WM 581, Richland County.
23. Carl Baker, R #5, Newark, O., 34 Plymouth Coupe, M #PE 54548, license T 5475 (Licking County).
24. Carl Baker, 303 S. Wittenberg, Springfield, Ohio, 26 Ford Sedan, M #1436919, license 440 TL, Clark County.



25. Carl Baker, R #1, Walhoning, Ohio, 1925 Ford Coach, M #11612680 license Q 319 T (Coshooton County).

26. Carl Baker, Bloomingdale, Ohio, 28 Chevrolet Coach M #4415166, license T 490 B, Jefferson County.

27. Carl Baker, R #2 Greenwich, Ohio, 29 Nash Sedan M #195775, license WG 500, Richland County.

Inquiry at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reflected that license H 85 M for 1935 was issued to John Alexander, 2419 Frost Ave., Scienceville, Ohio, in Mahoning County for a 1929 Whippet Roadster, M #423550, Serial #424532, on 7-19-35 and that W. H. Loller was the registrar at Youngstown, Ohio. The certificate is number 282566 and is filed in Mahoning County. This car was a used car.

Miss L. Busio, Ohio Board of Parole, Wyandotte Building, advised agent that the address of Frank J. Griffith, Parole Investigator, is 914 Brown Ave., N.W., Canton, Ohio, and he may be contacted at this address for interview.

Agent obtained the file pocket at the Ohio State Penitentiary for Tony Ammerbach #50360, and examined it and the correspondence in it very closely.

The file indicated that Tony Ammerbach was sentenced to from 1-15 years from Cuyahoga County as he was convicted of Breaking and Entering an uninhabited dwelling and there was a note in the file that two policemen were wounded in a gun battle that ensued, but that this charge of shooting to kill was not pressed and no reason or explanation set forth. He was received at the Penitentiary on 12-24-21 and escaped over the walls on 9-8-23 and returned from Mounts-ville, W. Va., on 8-9-26 and then received a parole on 10-21-31 and a final release given him on 11-15-32. The file indicates that he served 22 months in the U. S. Army and that he served 22 months at the State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio for auto stealing commencing in 1919. He is also involved in Common Pleas cases #22514, 22515, and 22483 of Cuyahoga County. During the time that he was confined in the Penitentiary some letters or addresses were found in his cell indicating that he corresponded sub rosa with a Mrs. Irene Morgan Clary, living on Ellen Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio and with a Lillian Binger living at 3443 W. 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio. The file indicated that he lived at home at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he had three brothers, Harry, Phillip and Joe and one sister, Beatrice, living at home, and a



sister, Mary Dason, living on Franklin Avenue, and another sister, Bertha Morgan, living at 1672 Milo Avenue, and two other sisters, Anna Wagner and Carrie Muth, with no addresses given. A photo was obtained and is being sent to the Cleveland Office with copies of this report and a description is being set forth as obtained from the file.

Name	TONY AMMERBACH alias Tom Gordon alias Tony Feder.
Age	25 (when received)
Height	5'7 1/2"
Weight	138
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark Chestnut; patch of gray hair on right of head.
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Dark Chestnut
F.P.C.	9 R OO 19 Ref: 9 R OO 18 1 U OO 17 2 U OI 17

Agent, without disclosing any specific reason, discussed with D. J. Bonzo, Record Clerk of the Ohio State Penitentiary, who has always been extremely cooperative, the outstanding criminals who had been released from the Penitentiary during the year of 1935 and the following were mentioned, with emphasis on Thomas Gerak, OSP #47887 who, in the opinion of Mr. Bonzo is the only one who has been released who really had any influence behind him and who has been connected with rackets and gangsters in a big way.

Thomas Gerak was admitted to the Ohio State Penitentiary on 7-3-19, being sent up from Cuyahoga County for Murder in the first degree, with mercy, to serve a life term. On 11-8-26 he escaped with four others who rushed the main gate but was captured the same day. His sentence was commuted on January 12, 1935 to expire immediately by Governor White (incidentally there is not the usual correspondence in the file relative to possibility of parole and no explanation of the matter). The following criminal record was obtained from the file:



At the time that he left the Penitentiary he was supposed to go to his home at 3593 E. 93rd St., Cleveland, Ohio. His file indicated that he was in a great deal of trouble while confined and that he had little or no correspondence due to the fact that many of his privileges were suspended. According to Mr. Bonzo this man

knows everything that goes on in Cleveland and must have good backing and has an intense hatred for the police of Cleveland and if approached would probably never give any information of value, although he is really the only convict released to Cleveland who would be in a position to know everything going on among the criminal element.

The following additional men are being listed as requested in letter of S.A.C. Connelley, as they approximate the type of person who, in all probability have some backing and connections. There are no outstanding criminals who come up to the type of person which the reference letter wished to contact that have been released recently.

1. GEORGE LLEWELLYN, OSP #65738, Parole #15055 admitted from Cuyahoga County on 7-12-32 to serve from 1-7 years from Housebreaking and Larceny, and paroled on 9-1-35 to go to his home at 5817 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. His criminal record extends from 1919 to 1932 and consists of arrests at Cleveland for Burglary, bootlegging, visiting disorderly house and for receiving stolen goods.

2. JOHN MASTERSON, OSP #65099, Parole #13357, admitted from Cuyahoga County on 3-5-32 for Burglary and paroled on 4-15-35 to go to his home at 7538 Star Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. (The file indicates that at one time he had friends or relatives at 1529 E. 81st Street.) The following criminal record was obtained:

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

3. AUGUSTINE DANIELS, OSP #61763, Parole #13353 received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on 3-21-30 from Cuyahoga County for Burglary and Larceny to serve 1-15 years and paroled on 4-15-35 to return to his home at 2751 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The following criminal record was obtained:

[REDACTED]

b7c

[REDACTED]

4. JOHN ARMITUS received at Ohio State Penitentiary from Cuyahoga County on 5-1-26 to serve 10-25 years for Robbery and paroled 5-1-35 to return to his home at 3805 Buechner Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The following criminal record was obtained:

[REDACTED]

5. THEODORE FROST alias Theodore Frazeski, OSP #68016 Parole #13555 received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on 2-16-34 from Cuyahoga County to serve 1-15 years for Burglary. Paroled 9-1-35 to return to his home at 3017 Natchez Ave., Cleveland. Criminal record is, as follows:

[REDACTED]

6. Balazs Fodor, OSP #67104, Parole #13658 received at the Ohio State Penitentiary on 6-5-33 from Cuyahoga County to serve 1-15 years for Burglary. Paroled on 11-15-35 to return to his home at 9611 Buckeye Road, Cleveland. Criminal record is, as follows:

[REDACTED]

7. LOUIS JOSS received at the Ohio State Penitentiary #69584, on 5-8-35, Parole #13701 from Cuyahoga County to serve 1-20 years for auto stealing. Paroled on 12-20-35 to return to his home at

4531 Huff Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Criminal record is, as follows:

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mr. D. J. Bonzo advised that he does not know of any person or group of persons interested in paroled prisoners, and advised that usually they have a position offered them by a friend or relative of theirs, or by a former employer.

Inasmuch as there is nothing to indicate that Milton Lett has registered any of the cars listed in this report under the names of Shaw and Baker, no leads are set out at this time to check these registrations, especially as Lett is apparently now in the State of Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

CLEVELAND OFFICE will note that F. J. Griffith, Parole Officer, Ohio Parole Board is located at Canton, Ohio. Will also note that 1935 Ohio license H 85 M was issued to John Alexander, 2419 Frost Ave., Scienceville, Ohio. This information was requested in the report of Agent Wynn, Cleveland, dated 1-20-35.

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